

Murdoch final offer of £50m to end dispute

By a Staff Reporter

A new £50 million offer which could end the 17-week-old dispute over the News International move to Wapping, east London, was made by the company yesterday. Mr Rupert Murdoch, the chairman, made it clear that it was the final offer after a weekend of secret talks with the leaders of the five unions concerned.

The revised five-point offer would give four weeks' pay for every completed year of service, with a ceiling of £155 a week and a minimum payment of £2,000.

The unions would also be given the entire premises in Gray's Inn Road where *The Sunday Times* was formerly printed. Previously only part of the building was on offer. Discussions over union recognition would be postponed for 12 months and the company also made it clear that no dismissed worker would be barred from future employment possibilities with News International.

Speaking on behalf of the five unions concerned, Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, said they were not prepared to endorse the offer but accepted it was final and would put it to their members for a decision.

Mr Murdoch told a press conference after two days of secret negotiations with the leaders of the five unions concerned. Sogat '82, the NGA, EETPU, the AEU, and the NUJ, at a hotel near Heathrow Airport, that obviously he hoped they would accept the improved offer.

The deadline set for the initial offer was not extended and expires on Friday, or until June 6 for a ballot of union members to be completed, provided balloting started by Friday.

Mr Willis said later they accepted that it was Mr Murdoch's final offer and would be submitting it to their members immediately. They made it clear it fell far short of some of their key demands.

notably the re-employment of dismissed workers at Wapping, and said they would not be recommending it as such to the members - it was up to them to make a decision.

Mr Murdoch said the offer would lapse on May 30 or on completion of any union ballot taking place at that time. He said the compensation

country. We will consider applicants for any vacancies strictly on the basis of merit, there will be no preference given or special lists or anything like that."

Mr Murdoch said he considered the offer an extremely high price to pay for bringing the dispute to an end but added: "We want to get on with the job, hopefully we can put all of this behind us. I think the unions accept that this is the limit in terms of both time and money."

Pressed to comment on the question of union recognition at News International plants in a year's time he said: "We are going to review that with an open mind." Again he was asked to confirm that he would make no further offer if this one was rejected, he said: "That's it. I am catching the next plane home."

At a separate press conference a few minutes later, Mr Willis said the negotiations had begun on Sunday and that he and Mr Murdoch had joined them yesterday.

"We are all absolutely clear it is the final offer of the company and now it is up to the unions to decide their response," Mr Willis said. He said the unions leaders would not be recommending it but their members would be told it was the final offer.

"We have sought to get additional amounts of money and indeed the amount was increased twice during the negotiations. A major ingredi-

ent of the offer was the offer of £155 per week for each completed year of continuous service with a minimum of £2,000.

● No dismissed worker would be excluded from future employment opportunities with News International by reason of his or her dismissal

● The question of union recognition at Wapping and Glasgow would be reviewed after 12 months from today

● The unions would be given both the front and rear buildings at 200 Gray's Inn Road for the purpose of producing a newspaper

● News International would withdraw the various legal actions against the print unions begun earlier this year

payments had been thereby increased from an initial offer of £15 million to £50 million.

Asked about future employment prospects of dismissed workers he said: "We are now fully staffed with a new labour force but we expect in the future either to expand Wapping or to open a new plant in the north of the



Mrs Thatcher with Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, after talks in Jerusalem.

Sun causes holiday trips chaos

Returning Bank holiday motorists and daytrippers combined to cause road traffic tailbacks on many roads across Britain yesterday, the busiest day for holiday traffic this year.

Police and motoring organizations called on drivers to be patient to avoid accidents as roads leading to coastal resorts were jammed in the morning by outgoing traffic and blocked in the evening by people returning home.

The worst affected areas were in the South-east, where the Automobile Association reported tail-backs up to 10 miles long in Kent and Sussex, as people headed for the beaches at Brighton, Hastings and Margate.

"The sun has drawn people out like a magnet," a spokesman for the RAC said. "Many though have had to spend longer than they expected sitting in traffic jams."

There were also heavy traffic in Yorkshire as motorists headed for Scarborough, and in South Wales at Barry Island, The Yorkshire Dales, the Lake District and other beauty spots around the country also had many visitors.

The Surrey County Show caused further problems for motorists at Guildford. The AA said there were snarl-ups at Southend because of the Essex Air Show.

The London Weather Centre said that Britain's east coast had the sunniest day with temperatures reaching the high 60s (F). Colder, windier weather with showers kept many people indoors on the west coast, Northern Ireland and Scotland.

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Election proposal rejected by Israel

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Defence Minister who is responsible for the military rule in the occupied territories, yesterday virtually ruled out Mrs Thatcher's idea for moral elections among the Arab population there.

Mrs Thatcher had put forward her suggestion in a speech at the Knesset on Sunday evening, in which she urged the Israeli Government to recognize the legitimate rights of the Palestinians.

But Mr Rabin, who saw Mrs Thatcher here early yesterday morning, said afterwards that "elections are unheard of in the Arab world." He said it would be a strange thing if the whole Arab world was in an area under Israeli control.

Mr Rabin, according to British sources, did not say this to the Prime Minister during their meeting. He had concentrated on explaining how the battle against terrorism helped the Arab population and what Israel was trying to do to improve the quality of life in the territories.

The Israeli Government claims that moderate leaders are afraid to come forward for fear of being assassinated by terrorists.

Mr Rabin had tried to convince Mrs Thatcher, who takes over the overall presidency of the EEC from July, that Europe should do more to provide the money and help needed to improve living standards in the territories.

The meeting was described as "friendly and thorough" with the Israeli minister doing most of the talking. Israeli officials said they had been surprised that Mrs Thatcher had come forward with an idea which she must have been advised was not going to win the support of the Israeli Government.

Undeterred by this however, Mrs Thatcher told the influential Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee of the Knesset yesterday afternoon that she wanted to everything possible to try to help bring about negotiations for peace.

It was wrong, she said, to do nothing to help produce moderate leaders simply because terrorism existed.

One person who publicly welcomed her idea was Mr Rashad Shawa, the deposed Palestinian Mayor of Gaza. He was one of eight moderate Palestinian leaders who had dinner with Mrs Thatcher last night at the British Consulate in East Jerusalem.

Between them they had drawn up a memorandum setting out the steps they want to see taken to reach a peaceful solution and to improve the living standards of the people in the territories.

Call for computer record of crime

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A radical expansion of the controversial Police National Computer which could improve police efficiency by creating a central computer record of major and minor criminal activity plus the potential for automatic fingerprint recognition is being debated by chief constables and the Home Office.

But the proposal, in a Home Office strategy paper now before members of the Association of Chief Police Officers, will cause anxiety within the civil liberties lobby and among Opposition MPs.

For the first time minor offences and cautions would be computerized and the paper opens the door to the use of the PNC as the base for a national police intelligence system.

Such systems have been investigated by a number of police forces where information, sometimes about individuals without records, has been gathered and computerized from manual records kept by officers known as collators. The systems have been criticized because records have been found to be nothing more than unsubstantiated gossip.

Whether or not the expanded PNC includes an intelligence input it would be connected to a number of other computer systems outside straight-forward police use. At present the PNC is only used by the police and the system is exempted from data protection legislation.

One of police officers' association committees on crime policy is reported to have accepted the plan for the centralizing of records. Eventually the strategy paper will go to Home Office ministers once all police views are canvassed.

The PNC paper was developed by a Home Office study team looking at criminal information systems strategy in the areas of criminal records, crime reporting and intelligence at a time when the PNC is shortly to receive replacement equipment.

The PNC, based at Hendon in north London, has been steadily expanding since it was founded in 1972. At the moment it includes details of 32 million vehicle owners; over 300,000 stolen vehicles and 450,000 chassis or engine numbers; 4.7 million names of convicted criminals; basic details of 3.3 million fingerprints and an index of disqualified drivers.

The PNC is run by a board of management which includes the police and Home Office representatives. Terminals have been set up in main police stations and an officer can make contact with a terminal operator by radio or telephone with a query. The operator

Tomorrow

Heads they lose?

Set by the problems of the teachers' dispute, by local politicians and by understaffing in schools, Britain's head teachers are finding the pressures too stressful

Portfolio Gold

● The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition resumes today after the Bank holiday with £4,000 to be won. Details of how to apply for a card are on page 3. Portfolio list, page 20; rules and how to play, information service, page 16

On This Day

On May 27 1941 the German battleship Bismarck was sunk after a chase of 1,750 miles from Bergen harbour, Norway, following the sinking of HMS Hood from which only three men survived Page 13

Sport Aid runners raise £100 million

The symbolic torch that inspired 20 million charity runners in the Race Against Time was now the responsibility of the world's political leaders. Sport Aid organizers said yesterday.

Mr Nick Cater, Sport Aid's British organizer, said in London that £5 million had already been raised in Britain. Sponsorship would "more than double that figure" before money raised in 300 cities around the world took the total to an estimated £100 million.

He urged athletes and sponsors to hand in money without delay. "The 14,000 children dying in Africa every day from preventable diseases and malnutrition need the money now. The longer people wait, the longer Africa starves."

In the London Sport Aid headquarters, young volunteers were busy taking telephone pledges. Credit card donations, "as good as cash", were expected to top £1 million when special telephone lines closed last night.

Mr Cater said Sport Aid would be monitoring and commenting on the United Nations' special session on Africa which starts today.

Mr Cater said that Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, had a unique role to play. "When he speaks on Wednesday it will be his reply to Sport Aid, to our petition of blistered feet, and we are very worried we will be disappointed by his response. But we hope he will announce a big initiative to help Africa."

The one sour note to spoil the jubilation of the world's biggest sporting event was the poor response in the United States, where Sport Aid clashed with the Hands Across America appeal to benefit the nation's poor.

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120 degree heat, Australians ran in the dark and camels raced in Timbuktu, only 4,000 people ran in New York where Sudanese athlete Omar Khalifa, who had carried a torch from a refugee camp through 12 European capitals, lit a flame outside the United Nations building.

"I think America has demonstrated it the largest island in the world," Mr Cater said. Two new fund-raising schemes were announced by Sport Aid. Mail order medals for those who took part in yesterday's run will be available from a Bath, Avon, company for £5, and a first-day cover of four stamps, franked in the Isle of Man at the time of the run, will be sold for £3.

Follow-up events will include a football match with Britain playing the Rest of the World in August.

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Moscow (Reuter) - The death toll from Chernobyl now stands at 19, a senior Soviet scientist said yesterday, a month after the nuclear accident.

Academician Yevgeny Velikhov, vice-president of the Academy of Sciences, said the figure comprised the two people who died in the accident itself and 17 who died later. About 300 others were injured.

Pravda printed what it called "fragments" written in hospital by victims, some of whom were "no longer with us."

"We stayed to the end until we had put out the fire. Then we came downstairs and were taken away by ambulance. We were in a bad condition."

Pravda said: The rebellious nuclear giant has not yet surrendered. It is still dangerous. The means to defeat it were at hand and victory was sure.

It quoted Mr Lev Voronin, a Deputy Prime Minister, as saying that radiation levels were falling by 5 per cent every day but remained abnormally high near the reactor.

Garda informer on arms dumps shot, IRA says

By Richard Ford

A man who is believed to have informed police about an arms haul hidden in the Irish Republic has been shot dead by the Provisional IRA.

"Franko" Hegarty, his hands tied behind his back and tape covering his eyes, was found with a bullet shot wound to the head on an isolated road 50 yards from the Co Donegal - Co Tyrone border near Castlelegg on Sunday night. Since disappearing from his home in the Shantallow area of Londonderry six days ago

Hegarty was a driver for a former quartermaster of the Provisional IRA in Londonderry and had told police about the arms which were intended to re-equip units throughout the north.

The Provisional IRA said yesterday that Mr Hegarty had been taken from Londonderry for his own safety after the arms find. He lived in a house at Stringbourne, Kent, with his "minders" next door.

The IRA said that under questioning he admitted being recruited as an informer seven years ago for an initial pay-

ment of £400 and £25 a week, which was paid when he met his contacts in Limavady and the Protestant Waterside area of Londonderry.

The statement added that Mr Hegarty had returned to Londonderry recently, believing he could convince the Provisional IRA that he was not responsible for the discovery of the weapons in the republic but under interrogation had admitted his involvement.

Yesterday neither the dead man's parents nor Mrs Dorothy Robb, with whom he lived,

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Ronan Point blast 'was triggered by burning gramophone records'

By Charles Kneivt, Architecture Correspondent

The initial cause of the Ronan Point disaster in 1968, when a corner of the 22-storey tower block collapsed, killing five people, was probably an electrical fault which ignited old gramophone records, Mr Sam Webb, an architect, claimed yesterday.

The official reason given in the public inquiry report was that a faulty gas main connection to a cooker in the kitchen of flat 90, on the eighteenth floor, led to a release of gas and an explosion when the tenant, Miss Ivy Hodge, made a cup of tea.

Mr Webb, whose report on the structural condition of the tower block in Newham, east London, led to its evacuation for the second time in 1984, has given official documents to *The Times* which suggest that the inquiry report did not contain all the relevant facts. He wants the inquiry reopened.

JP's to resist local courthouse cuts

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Justices of the Peace are expected to resist proposals to make magistrates' courts more efficient by merging small, underworked benches and possibly closing some courthouses.

Similar mergers in the past have not been achieved without local opposition. However a discussion paper by the Home Office and the Lord Chancellor's Department makes clear that, if such mergers are not undertaken voluntarily, the Government has the power to force them by statutory orders.

One bench that could be under scrutiny is Dunmow, Essex, which, with seven magistrates, is below its complement, although it will have nine by October.

Mrs Patricia Hargrave, the chairman, said yesterday: "My first reaction is that probably courthouses should be shared. But we already share the courtroom in Saffron Walden and have amalgamated our domestic and juvenile panels, and we feel we do not want to go any further."

She said the bench had a sense of identity and covered a large number of villages across a wide, thinly populated area, with "virtually no public transport".

Judge calls Hailsham 'a quixotic dictator'

Judge Pickles, Britain's most outspoken judge, yesterday called the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, a "brooding, quixotic dictator".

In an interview with *The Guardian* the judge, who has campaigned for the right of the judiciary to take part in public debate, says judges are "scared to death" of the Lord Chancellor.

cupboard off the hall and the other in the kitchen.

Photographs taken immediately after the disaster showed debris below, as well as above, the gas cooker, suggesting that damage had already occurred as a result of the first blast, outside the kitchen.

Minutes of a meeting chaired by Sir Alfred Pugsley, leader of the inquiry, on June 12, 1968, include evidence from Dr N.P.W. Moore, of Imperial College, London, that old gramophone records might have been the cause of an initial explosion and fire.

Dr Moore said: "No doubt the gas board would wish to argue that town gas was not the sole possibility. Other possibilities were aerosols - some had been found - or local heating acting on, e.g. old gramophone records, thus causing a small explosion sufficient to move the gas cooker, and allow an escape of gas leading to a gas explosion."

Between 25 and 30 old gramophone records were stored in the cupboard next to the electricity meter in the flat. They can become volatile when heated and can explode like nitro-glycerine.

A letter to Dr Moore from Mr Charles Mackenzie Jarvis, a consulting engineer,

dated July 1, 1968, states that there is evidence of the electricity meter in flat 90 showing a reading "amounting to thousands of units against hundreds elsewhere" in the same block.

According to drafts of the inquiry report, the cupboard door was at first blown in, then blown completely out of the building.

Mr Webb said references to the possibility of two explosions were contained in drafts of the public inquiry report, but were played down in the final report.

Mr Webb said yesterday: "In view of the evidence which was submitted to the inquiry, why was Mr Mackenzie Jarvis not cross-examined? Was his evidence made available to the North Thames Gas Board? And why was the London Electricity Board not called upon to give evidence?"

"Evidence that should have been investigated further does not appear to have been, for reasons best known to the inquiry or to the then Government. It seems to me beyond the bounds of probability that only one flat out of 110 in Ronan Point would have had both a faulty electricity meter and a faulty gas connection nut."

Law chief to address the Bar

By our Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Lord Chancellor is to give the opening address at the Bar's conference in London today, a few weeks after his humiliating High Court defeat at the profession's hands over legal aid fees.

Whatever he may choose to say, the presence of Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, is a sign that the Bar is keen to mend any damage in relations that its unprecedented legal action may have caused.

The conference, the first such social event in the Bar's history, is also a welcome chance for barristers to escape the debate over fees and the pressures of the courtroom.

The conference is the latest move by an increasingly public profession anxious to "demystify" and explain its work to the public. It comes after the appointment of public relations consultants and the launching of a Bar magazine, *Counsel*.

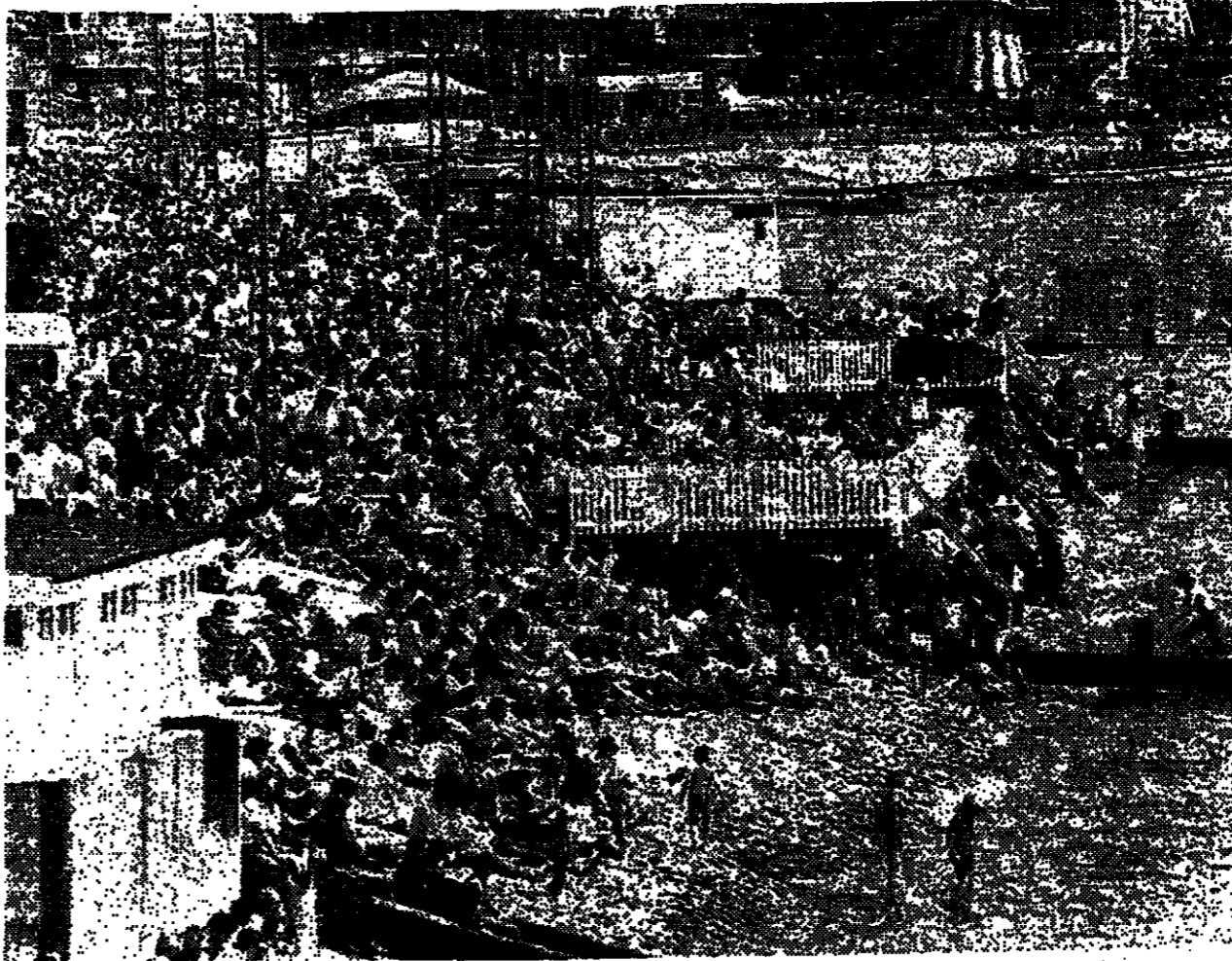
For £180 plus value-added tax (the more impoverished, with less than 10 years experience, get a cut-price rate of £135) barristers are offered a mixed programme far removed from present concerns of the profession.

After last night's cocktail party, the main part of the conference gets under way today at the Connaught Rooms in Bloomsbury, central London, with about 15 papers from the luminaries of the profession on a range of topics.

Hard on the Lord Chancellor's heels comes Mr Ludovic Kennedy, campaigner over miscarriages of justice, who will speak in a session on the criminal trial on: "English criminal justice - the worst in the world?"

There are also sessions on public law and professional negligence.

A full report of the two-day Bar conference will appear in *The Times* tomorrow and Thursday.



The Bank holiday and a hint of summer drew crowds to seaside resorts including Southend, Essex, yesterday. But while the beaches were crowded, few dared to brave the still chilly waters (Photograph: John Voos).

Anger over jobless Young attacked for 'insult'

By Anthony Bevis, Political Correspondent

Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Employment, was attacked yesterday for his "insulting" remark that Britain had never had as good a time as it was having now.

The minister said in an interview on the TV-am programme, *Jonathan Dimbleby on Sunday*, that given the rate of inflation and tax cuts, people could have maintained their standard of living with pay rises of only 1.25 per cent, whereas they had received 7.5 per cent. "We've never had it so good for the 87 per cent of us in work," he said.

In response to a question about opinion polls and the "price for this Thatcherite experiment" being too high, he said: "The country has never had as good a time as it has today; it's growing strongly."

Mr Gerald Kaufman, Labour's home affairs spokesman, said yesterday: "These Tory ministers are certainly having a good time but at the expense of the rest of the people of Britain. It is an insult to millions of people suffering under the Government in which he complacently serves."

"It is an insult to sick people in long waiting lists for hospital treatment, to pensioners, rightly offended by their 40p

increase, to children whose education is being damaged by Tory cuts, to the victims of the record number of crimes being committed, and to the record number of jobless for whom Lord Young's department has direct responsibility."

Mr Kaufman added: "His statement is typical of the arrogance and complacency of Mrs Thatcher's government."

The criticism also extended to the Conservative backbenches. Mr Francis Pym, the former Foreign Secretary, said: "For some people this is a true remark. But the people who are causing all of us such concern are the unemployed and those people living in the regions of the country where there has been no increase in prosperity."

Government sources said that Lord Young had been referring to the general standard of living, productivity and output. It was pointed out that he had also said in his interview: "I feel concern for people who have been out of work for a long time, and more than anything else I am motivated by a desire to see people back in employment, and see the economy grow, and above all to have a caring society."

Nevertheless, his comments underline an ambiguity in the Government's attitude towards pay and prosperity. While all ministers have been criticising what the Chancellor of the Exchequer has called "the Achilles heel of the British economy", pay increases outpacing productivity gains, they are also willing to claim credit for the outcome. On May 13, Mrs Thatcher told the Commons: "The standard of living of those in work and those on social services is higher than ever."

But the terms of Lord Young's statement, an echo of "You've never had it so good", provoked Bank holiday unease in Conservative ranks.

Mr Robert Hicks, Conservative MP for Cornwall South East, said: "It amazes me that a senior Cabinet minister who is purported to be a very close adviser to the Prime Minister should make these comments at this time."

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Conservative MP for Birmingham, Selly Oak, said: "It would be a mistake for the Conservative Party to think that because 87 per cent are in jobs, all is well. What we have to concentrate on is the 13 per cent who have no jobs."

Campaign to highlight Channel tunnel jobs

Employers yesterday urged the Government to launch a campaign highlighting the job prospects arising from construction of the Channel tunnel.

The Confederation of British Industry said the drive should also be aimed at allaying fears of unemployment as a result of the project.

Mr Dennis Cooper, chairman of the CBI in Kent, said in written evidence to the joint consultative committee chaired by Mr David Mitchell, Under Secretary of State at the Department of Transport, that the tunnel could be a "magnet" for new jobs and business.

He said it was an opportunity for a much-needed boost to the Kent economy.

But Mr Cooper called on the Government to make sure

that main road systems were fully operational before much of the tunnel construction work places.

The consultative committee includes representatives of the Government, local councils and British Rail. The Commons debate on the legislative timetable for the Channel Tunnel Bill will begin next Tuesday.

Perkins, the world's biggest manufacturer of diesel engines, is to cut another 100 of its 3,200 staff through voluntary redundancy at its headquarters in Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

A new industrial estate in Ipswich, Suffolk, based on the former six-acre site of Cocksedge Engineering, which closed last September with the loss of almost 200 jobs, will create more than 500 jobs.

Union calls 'lowest' wage

Britain's third biggest union, the General, Municipal, Boilermakers, and Allied Trades Union, today calls for a legally-set minimum wage.

More than eight million workers currently earn less than the EEC average of £116 a week, according to a policy document, *New Rights For Working People*.

The document says the Government has stripped away legal protection from the low-paid by weakening Wage Councils and scrapping part of the Employment Protection Act.

It calls for a minimum wage set at two thirds of a figure halfway up the national earnings league, which at present would be £115 a week. It also demands at least four weeks' annual holiday and protection for part-time workers.

Sun causes holiday traffic chaos

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West course at Wentworth yesterday.

Davis, aged 35, took the first prize of £35,000 when Smyth took seven at the third hole of the play-off after driving out of bounds.

The first stage of cycling's Milk Race, a 128-mile run from Birmingham to Blackpool, was won by Steve Jonghin, from the Isle of Man.

At the United Kingdom athletics championships at Cwmbran, two experienced runners, Peter Elliott and Rob Harrison, held off the challenges of younger rivals to win the 800m and 1,500m races respectively.

In the French Open tennis championships, Ivan Lendl and Chris Lloyd, the top seeds in the two singles events, both recorded straight-set victories in the first round in Paris. John Lloyd, for many years Britain's leading player, also announced his retirement yesterday.

In Kent a young boy was airlifted to safety in a two hour rescue operation after plunging over a 350ft cliff yesterday.

Steven Water, aged 13, was caught in bracken on an outcrop half way down the cliffs at Capel, near his home in Dover.

In another incident, a boy was rushed to hospital with chest, face and arm injuries yesterday after he plunged out of a train during a daredevil game of "chicken".

David McInnes, aged 16, fell from the electric sliding doors as the train was travelling at about 50 mph between Datchet, Berkshire, and Watlington station.

In Devon, Richard Branson's latest attempt to win the Blue Riband for the fastest Atlantic crossing suffered another setback yesterday when Peter Downie, who helped design the power boat *Virginia Atlantic Challenger II*, broke his leg during final sea trials in Lyme Bay.

In Dorset, yachts joined Weymouth lifeboat in the search for two divers who disappeared off Lulworth Cove. They were later found by one of the lifeboats.

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Murdoch in final offer of £50m

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ent in any discussions of this kind is whether there is more on offer. The answer now is that there is no more."

Miss Brenda Dean, general secretary of Sogat, said it was certainly an improvement on the initial offer but that it fell a long way short of a key demand of her union's members for the restoration of their jobs at Wapping.

"We are not recommending it, that is up to the members to decide. I personally doubt that he would make another offer."

Mr Tony Dubbins of the NGA also said he was extremely disappointed that employment at Wapping had not been part of the offer. He would be reporting to his members on Wednesday.

The dispute began on January 24 after the print unions balloted their members on *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* at Gray's Inn Road, and at *The Sun* and *News of the World* at Bouverie Street strike action over demands for lifetime employment. The print workers who then went on strike were sacked and the company transferred its printing to its new plant at Wapping.

Mr Bruce Matthews, managing director of News International, said the £15 million was somewhere near the statutory redundancy requirements and that the latest proposals being three times as much were clearly way in advance of those requirements. It also meant that people who would have missed out by having less than two years' service would qualify for the minimum £2,000 pay-off.

Mr Ron Leighton, Labour MP for Newham North East, and a former printer with *The Sun*, said that Mr Murdoch "has made a concession and it is something of a climb-down".

Miss Dean indicated that Sogat would be balloting only its striking members rather than the entire membership saying "We must now consult all our members involved in this tragic dispute."

She said it was certainly an improvement on the previous offer. "What was on the table when we arrived yesterday was £15 million in statutory redundancy terms only for those people who didn't get work in Gray's Inn Road if the unions accepted Gray's Inn Road. We're here this evening with an increase in the £15 million to £50 million and with one building in Gray's Inn Road becoming two which considerably increases the value of the site, and not only its value but its potential too."

"We now have to go back to our members. As far as I am concerned it will be a factual report to our members. It isn't one that quite frankly we are overjoyed about. It's far short of what we wanted to negotiate, which was to be in Wapping for jobs for our members and to have full traditional (union) recognition in Wapping. It fell far short of that."

Mr Dubbins was clearly pessimistic about the likely response of NGA members. "The offer in financial terms is an improvement, but Gray's Inn Road doesn't provide any employment opportunities. I'm also extremely disappointed about the fact that recognition and employment at Wapping is not part of this offer. And of course the dispute was very much about recognition and about employment at Wapping. And it isn't any good us in those circumstances therefore pretending that a lot of our members will be anything other than extremely disappointed with the proposals that have been put forward."

Mr Murdoch said: "We've put this forward in an effort to close down the picketing, to close down the disturbances to the people at Wapping, to be able to take our own barbed wire down and if they continue in their efforts as unions then it's all off."

He added: "We've made this offer with the view hopefully of putting the whole thing behind us."

"We are very hopeful actually that the offer will be accepted. We think this is a very reasonable settlement. We are not going to dismiss or get rid of any of our new employees. We have a very fine workforce. They are doing a magnificent job and our loyalty is to the people who are working for us, not to the people who went on strike and we've made that very clear."

On the crucial question of eventual recognition of trade unions at Wapping, Mr Murdoch said: "What we've said is look, let's have a cooling off period and we'll see who's working there in 12 months time and what their wishes are. If they wish to have union and if so what union."

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Kasparov checks on title venue

Gary Kasparov, aged 22, the world chess champion, arrived in London yesterday to inspect the venue for his rematch with fellow Russian Anatoly Karpov.

The five-week first half of the championships starts on July 28 at the Park Lane Hotel, Mayfair. The second half will be in Leningrad in September.

Mr Kasparov, the youngest man to win the world title, said yesterday: "I'm very pleased to be playing for the world championship in London. Britain is a very important country in the chess world and it is an honour to be able to play our match here."

News of the West End's latest musical *Chess* had spread behind the Iron Curtain. He said: "Of course I would very much like to go to the show but unfortunately my visit this time is very brief. Perhaps later."

Mr Kasparov, a keen footballer, also said he was looking forward to watching the World Cup on television.

He said: "Yes it's true I am a keen football fan. I think English club teams are the strongest in Europe, so I think your national side will do well in the World Cup. I hope the Soviet Union also plays well."

Lloyd's rings in a new HQ

By Charles Kneivt, Architecture Correspondent

The new Lloyd's of London building in the City, centre of the world's top insurers and Britain's most visually startling, technologically innovative and expensive work of architecture, opens for business today just over five years since construction began.

To mark the event, the famous Latine bell will be rung in its new location in the underwriting room, at the foot of a glazed atrium which rises more than 200 feet through the £163 million building.

Underwriters moved in during the Bank holiday weekend and the Queen, possibly with the Queen Mother, is expected to perform an opening ceremony in the autumn.

The insurance market, which earns more than £6 billion in premiums each year, will operate on the ground floor and three galleries. Stalls used by the underwriting syndicates, and known as boxes, are equipped with the latest information and communications technology, which raised the cost of the building to more than £300 per square foot.

The building, designed by Mr Richard Rogers, who received the Royal Gold Medal for architecture last year, is the fourth Lloyd's headquarters in less than 60 years. It should have a useful life of at least 50 years.

Unlike Mr Rogers' Pompi-

A public viewing area and exhibition are housed on the fourth floor gallery, and it is expected that at least 250,000 visitors will see the market each year.

At the eleventh gallery level the 200-year-old Adam Room, originally part of Bowood House in Wiltshire, has been re-erected. For the past 25 years it has been used by the committee and latterly the council of Lloyd's.

Part of the lower ground floor contains the Captain's Room, a restaurant, coffee room and club. The Nelson collection, containing many treasures from the period is also on this level. Outside is a piazza with a coffee house and Lloyd's shop.

As a reminder of the listed 1928 headquarters, demolished to make way for the 1986 building, its main entrance arch has been kept as a gateway to Green Yard, a public thoroughfare to Leadenhall Market, where the Lutyns war memorial from the same building is also to be located.

The new Lloyd's of London building in the City don Centre in Paris, which is a riot of colour, the Lloyd's building is silver and grey, with an exposed concrete structure and a profusion of service towers with heating and ventilating pipes on its exterior. Six permanent blue cranes top the 'satellite' service towers.

Four glass-walled observation lifts run up the outside of each of three of the towers, giving passengers views out over the city. Inside, glass-sided escalators criss-cross the market floors.

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Murder in final offer of £500

Civil Servants accused of blocking scheme for education vouchers

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Civil Servants have been accused of preventing the introduction of education vouchers, an idea abandoned when Sir Keith Joseph was Secretary of State for Education and Science.

The use of education vouchers would reduce the power and prestige of Civil Servants because they would transfer spending control from officials to parents, according to an article in today's issue of the magazine, *Economic Affairs*.

The magazine of the Institute of Economic Affairs contains five articles on the voucher system, in which Civil Servants at the Department of Education and Science are accused of obstructing reform.

The proposal, which entails giving parents a voucher for the cost of their child's education, to spend at the school of their choice, is gaining support from the radical right of the Conservative Party. Mr Rhodes Boyson, MP for Brent North and a former minister, is a strong advocate and backbench MPs are joining him in support.

Dr Keith Hartley, director of the Institute of Social and Economic Affairs, at York University, said the vouchers restrict the role of bureaucrats and change their traditional property rights over budgets and discretionary behaviour.

He said: "Teachers will also oppose vouchers since they redirect spending from bureaucrats and professional groups to parents, with implications for changes in established working practices, standards and attitudes to the curriculum.

"Consumers are the potential gainers, bureaucrats and interest groups with an income involvement in the current arrangements are the potential losers."

Americans without a towering fear of travelling



American tourists relishing the Yeoman Warder's commentary at the Tower of London yesterday (Photograph: Peter Trivnor).

By Alan Hamilton

Several citizens of Greenville, North Carolina, took the view that their neighbours Lyman and Carolyn Daughtrey were quite mad to take their summer vacation in Britain this year. Were not anti-terrorist troops surrounding London's Heathrow Airport with a ring of steel, and was there not an armed policeman on every street corner? Of course there was; they had seen it on the television news.

On the second day of their three-and-a-half week holiday, Mr and Mrs Daughtrey and their niece Lisa Hylton, from Virginia, were soaking up the history of the Tower of London yesterday, relishing the over-rehearsed commentary of the Yeoman Warders and still looking for a loaded weapon other than the ceremonial popguns of the Guards. The threat of terrorism had never entered their heads.

"Those people back home who said we should not go were generally people who had never travelled. We have been to Britain once before; we have been planning this trip since Christmas, and we never had any thought of cancelling it," Mr Daughtrey, an industrial engineer, said. "We never saw anything on television to put us off."

His wife concurred. "We took a World Airways scheduled flight from Baltimore, and it was so full that everytime you went to the bathroom the other passengers tried to take your seat."

Miss Hylton had a less happy experience; her British Airways flight was so underbooked that it was cancelled, and she had to wait for an alternative flight to London.

The Daughtreys, proudly displaying their £23-a-head "Open To View" ticket, that admits them to a huge variety of historic monuments and

National Trust properties, said that in their west London bed-and-breakfast accommodation, all but one of the eight other guests was American; the odd man out was a Mexican. During their holiday they planned to hire a car to visit Dover, Winchester, Stratford, and the Scottish Highlands. They said they loved Britain for its history, West End theatres, and exceptionally friendly natives.

They were far from the only Americans shuffling their way through the Jewel House yesterday and gazing at the winking facets of the Star of Africa diamond and marvelling at gold plate nearly four hundred years old. But they were greatly outnumbered by impenetrable Swedes, earnest Dutch, and ill-behaved French schoolchildren. No firm figures are available, but a straw poll of Yeoman Warders of The Tower indicated that overall numbers were well down on last year.

The Daughtreys were not the only Americans to arrive in London at the weekend. One hundred US travel agents were flown in by the British Tourist Authority and subjected to an impassioned seminar by a Deputy Assistant Commissioner of Scotland Yard on how the number of London's armed police had actually been reduced in recent months.

Their host, Mr Dick Batchelor, BTA marketing manager, said yesterday: "We told them that the British were alert to terrorism but not paranoid about it. We said the British were puzzled by Americans' fears about coming here, because we had always regarded Americans as being particularly open-minded."

"Their friends were surprised that they had come to Britain when they were not forced to, but they were delighted to find that everything was normal."

Last pupils at a lost school

Mrs Pamela Spearing's anxieties are the symptoms of a trauma which will become increasingly common during the next few years, statistics translated into a mother's abiding bitterness.

"My daughter loved school. She was always doing sports, out with friends. Now she's had to move to a larger school it's changed her whole personality. She doesn't want to go in, she just goes to get to the gate. Even a year after Nightingale closed she is only just beginning to settle."

The economic imperatives of a slump in children numbers forced Redbridge council to begin shutting down her 13-year-old child's school only eight months after she started there as a first-form pupil.

Nightingale comprehensive was unlucky. When Redbridge education committee decided in October 1983 that the secondary schools system had to shrink, they launched a huge public consultation on four options for cutting back pupil places across the borough.

They conducted a Harris opinion poll, which returned a strong verdict against abandoning comprehensives and returning to a selective system.

But in May 1984, the council agreed that two comprehensives, Nightingale and Fairlop, would have to close and entries to eight of the remaining 14 schools reduced. The plans received government approval eight months later, and the borough's schools are now in the throes of disruptive change. Even with these cuts, the council will find itself with 1,500 more pupil places than it needs early in the next decade.

Unfortunate geography decided Nightingale's fate. Its catchment area, bordered on one side by the M11 motorway and the borough boundary on the other, could not expand. Most pupils, the council decided, would not have to go too far to attend one of the two neighbouring schools, Wanstead and Woodbridge.

That did not prevent parents mounting a strong campaign to fight the closure. Mrs Gillian Saunders, one of Nightingale's parent governors, said: "I really thought we would win, we had such a good case. I still believe that, when pupil numbers pick up again in eight or 10 years, Redbridge will have to re-open Nightingale."

Children in the lower three years left Nightingale last year, leaving only those who had already begun examination courses. Mrs Saunders's daughter will leave the upper sixth form next month, and her son will be among the last group to leave the school next summer after sitting O levels.

Mr Michael Wootton, Nightingale's head teacher for 11 years, said: "Of course there's no concealing the fact that everyone was bitterly disappointed, and clearly there is a quite serious problem of staff morale."

"Even though we expect that everyone who wants to transfer will be redeployed, it won't be the same as going to a school which you chose, and it chose you. And obviously there is a formidable temptation for some of them to leave before Nightingale shuts next July, which could naturally affect teaching for the pupils who stay on to the end."

He admits similar feelings on his own part. Nightingale, built in the 1950s period of rapid expansion, had only completed its final phase of building extensions the year before the closure threat loomed.

In the end, Mr Wootton said, "it is a straight clash between those who have to provide the best education at the minimum cost, and those who have to believe in building up the quality of an individual school. Everything that a head wants to do, along with teachers and parents, is positive. It is depressing to try to make progress against the tide of recession."

So, while many hundreds more heads around the country will be going through his experience, Mr Wootton says he will probably be seeking early retirement rather than another school in which to end his career.

Servants to get £2.5m as sisters drop claim

The three sisters of a millionaire testator have decided not to contest a will which left the bulk of his estate, including one of the world's best collections of English ceramics, to two faithful servants.

In a will published on Saturday, Mr Thomas Burn, who died a bachelor in January 1985, aged 77, left nearly £2.5 million to be shared between his head gardener, Mr James Newman, aged 66, and his assistant Mrs Monica Houghton, aged 60.

Mr Newman, who served Mr Burn from 1960, and his assistant became their late employer's main companions after the death of Mr Burn's mother in 1971. They have lived in the Tudor manor house at Ross Lench Court, near Evesham, Worcestershire, 55 acres of parkland and a collection of ceramics worth more than £1 million.

Mr Burn's three married sisters, who threatened to contest the will, have decided to drop their objections because the costs of fighting a legal battle were too great.

According to the former servants, none of the sisters visited Mr Burn after their mother's death 15 years ago.

Mr Burn did not leave his sisters anything from the family fortune, amassed by their father during the First World War.

"Mrs Houghton and I are both delighted and I intend to go on living in the manor," said Mr Newman.

The two former servants have decided to auction the ceramics collection and some antique furniture at Sotheby's in July to help raise money to pay tax costs.

Mrs Houghton, a widow, lives in the village of Inkberrow, near by, where she runs the estate's nursery gardens.

Shop manager accused of fourth murder

A fashion shop manager accused of murdering three homosexuals and trying to kill two other men faced another murder charge when he appeared yesterday at Camberwell Magistrates' Court, south London.

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Public views palace damage

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BBC buys 'Killing Fields'

The Cannes Film Festival prize-winner, *The Mission*, and the Oscar-winning picture, *The Killing Fields*, have been bought by the BBC as part of a deal with the Goldcrest film company.

Mr Alan Howden, general manager of BBC programme acquisition, said yesterday that he was delighted to have obtained the two British-made films for the corporation.

"*The Mission* is a magnificent achievement - a spectacular, intelligent and deeply emotional film which deserves to win many more awards," he said.

"It is a worthy successor to *The Killing Fields* and is another triumph for producer David Puttnam and director Roland Joffe."

The Mission won the Palme d'Or, the top award at Cannes, although it was in unfinished form.

The BBC deal includes four other productions: *Enigma*, *Revolution*, *Smooth Talk*, and *Dream One*.

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Directors criticize the law lords for meddling with tax legislation

By Gavin Bell

Industry chiefs have criticized judges in the House of Lords for encroaching on the functions of Parliament by making or amending tax law, and called for legislation to reassert the supremacy of Parliament as the sole law-making body.

The Institute of Directors, in a report published today, said that an apparent trend by the law lords to make tax law in the guise of interpreting Acts of Parliament had created widespread uncertainty and was contrary to essential freedoms enshrined in the Bill of Rights.

"Of late, there has arisen a trend in the House of Lords to usurp the function of Parliament and to remould legislation by a disregard of rights conferred by legislation, which

have been utilized by taxpayers to reduce their liabilities to taxes imposed by other legislation."

Citing recent rulings by the law lords, the report said: "The intention to assume Parliament's function of making or amending tax legislation is clearly stated."

That process did not rely, as did Parliament, on electoral approval or accountability, but upon the power of the courts in a manner which overrides legal rights conferred by Parliament upon its citizens."

That new approach was the underlying reason for uncertainty which was felt to pervade the UK tax system. "Thus many practices or situations, which have been agreed by both the (Inland

Revenue and taxpayers to have known results, could now, it seems, be held by the courts not to have those results."

The report called for legislation to restore parliamentary supremacy in law-making. It stopped short of suggesting that the judicial function of the House of Lords be abolished.

It also proposed that a joint working party of experts from the Inland Revenue and the representative bodies be set up to consider an acceptable form of fiscal legislation.

The institute praised the Inland Revenue for being much more open and willing to consult than it used to be, but said there was room for improvement.



Volunteers counting the cheques and credit-card pledges for Sport Aid in London yesterday have been working in shifts since last Friday, and are expected to take three weeks to complete the task (Photograph: Peter Trivnor).

History suffers in air show crash

Aircraft enthusiasts were yesterday counting the cost to British aviation history of the crash of a Meteor and Vampire jet at the Mildenhall Air Show on Sunday.

The Meteor, which crashed in a ball of flame, was understood to be the last example flying of the world's first jet fighter, which saw service in

the Second World War. The Vampire, which plunged into a field after the two planes had apparently touched wings during a low-level manoeuvre, was in service in the 1950s.

A spokesman for the United States Air Force, which organized the show, said: "So far as I know these two planes

were the only flying examples of the Meteor and Vampire left. They are irreplaceable and it is very sad that they have gone."

An inquiry was under way yesterday to establish the cause of the air collision, in which two Royal Air Force flyers in the Meteor were killed.

Canned milk takes on fizzy drinks

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

UHT milk in ring-top cans may not be everyone's idea of tempting refreshment, but the Milk Marketing Board has high hopes that it will prove a popular alternative to cola and other fizzy drinks.

A trial marketing scheme has been launched through

Cliffords, an Oxford-based dairy and, if successful, the new product will be launched nationally later this year. A number of other dairies are said to have expressed an interest.

At present about four pints out of every five are sold in

bottles and the rest in cartons. But the difficulty with bottles and cartons is that they are not easily carried around and therefore do not quite match the image the industry has been trying to foster for several years, of a quick, convenient drink for athletes.

Alternative energy: 2

Cash flow halts cheap power from waves and tides

In the search for inexhaustible supplies of energy, successive British governments have looked at the largest single source and then shied away for financial reasons. In the second of a three-part series Peter Wright, Science Editor, looks at the possibility of harnessing those sources: the tides and waves.

During his spell as chief scientist to the Department of Energy six years ago, Sir Hermann Bondi fostered an approach to the future of Britain's energy supplies that he called the "insurance philosophy".

He regarded support for the "renewable energy sources" as insurance against, and in his view the unlikely event of, the nuclear programme failing to deliver a safe and inexhaustible supply of energy.

A rational argument underlay the policy which flowed from that philosophy. It was assumed that the research and development for each of the renewable energy sources would be fully explored before, and indeed if, it was necessary to call in the insurance.

If Sir Hermann's foresight had been followed through, Britain would be better placed now for exploiting the renewable forms of power.

The premiums at the beginning of this decade were small. Less than 1 per cent of the money spent on research into energy went into the renewable types.

But that was long before the "Chernobyl factor" entered the equation.

Moreover, the Department of Energy wretched on part of the premium last July when Mr David Hunt, Under Secretary at the Department of Energy, announced the decision to halt the small grant on pioneering work on wave energy. He said it had been decided to "back winners".

Four months later, on November 13, 1985, the world's first wave energy power station came into operation. Energy of the waves was captured, converted into electricity and delivered as light and heat into the homes of people living miles from the sea.

But that wave power station, which incorporated developments perfected in Britain, was opened near Bergen, in Norway.

In principle, wave energy could provide Britain with more electricity than that at present available from all existing power stations.

The other source from the oceans would be tidal power. Tidal power differs significantly from other renewable energy sources, because it cannot be built up in small increments — as, for example, a "wind farm" — might be developed.

Earlier this month a list of 17 possible tidal power schemes for the UK was submitted to an expert meeting at the Water for Energy Conference, in Brighton.

The details came from studies for the Government and for the Severn Tidal Power

Group (consisting of Robert McAulpine, Wimpey, Taylor Woodrow, Balfour Beatty, GEC and NEI). The work was done by Binnie and Partners. They made cost analyses for the different sites.

Two designs were considered for a barrage across the Severn. One would have the prodigious capacity of 13,500 megawatts (equivalent to six modern coal-fired or 12 Sizewell-type PWR stations), and the other was also immense but with a smaller capacity of 7,200 megawatts.

The cost of electricity delivered from these tidal power stations was 4.3p per unit for the first and 3.7p per unit (a kilowatt hour) for the second.

Comparable prices were possible, according to the study, from schemes spanning the Mersey estuary, Morecambe Bay or a site at Padstow in Cornwall. But they were only a fraction of the capacity of the schemes for the Severn.

Compared with the sizes for tides coming up the Bristol Channel, the only existing commercial tidal power station, at Rance, in Brittany,

looks modest, giving 240 megawatts of electricity. But it produces the cheapest electricity in the world. Yet when it came into operation 20 years ago, the scheme was considered as something of a white elephant. That was a view when oil cost a handful of dollars a barrel.

In spite of the current plunge from \$30 to \$12 a barrel, tidal power schemes on either the Severn, the Mersey or, one of the other sites must be the best known way of securing future economic energy supplies in the UK.

Because of recent neglect, wave power needs more development. It is therefore a medium-to-long-term source of renewable energy.

Hesitation over tidal power rests mainly on the large sum of money for its development. Studies of schemes across the Severn have been made for more than 30 years.

The most ambitious plan, to construct a barrage between Breen Down to Lavernock Point, was costed at £7,000 million, and recommended in a report in 1981 by a team led by Sir Hermann.

Recent technical and financial studies of both sites have been made for the Government, and a decision is awaited.

Tomorrow: Fusion

5,000 pigs killed

More than 5,000 pigs at seven farms have been slaughtered in Britain's worst outbreak of swine fever for 15 years, the Ministry of Agriculture said yesterday.

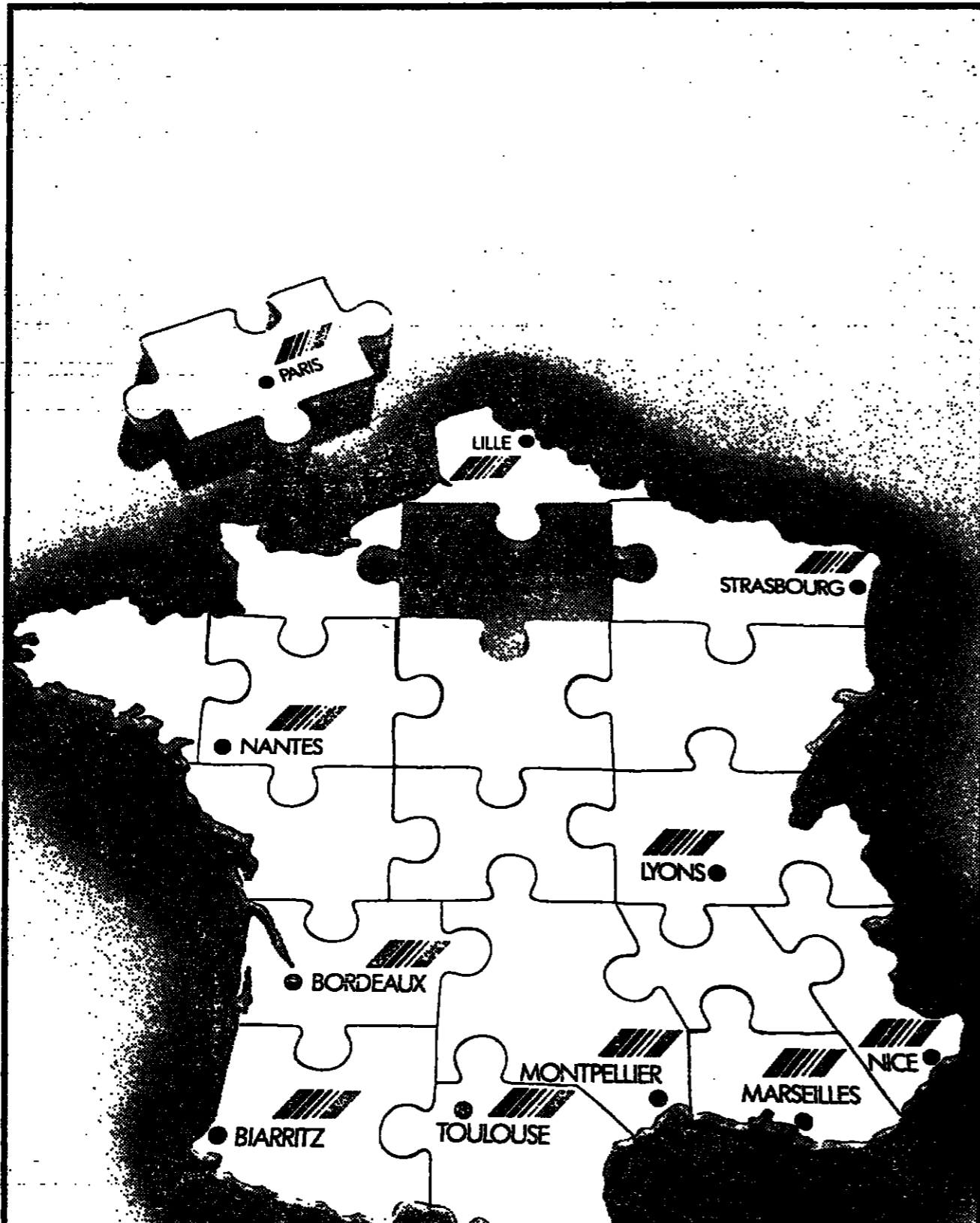
The highly contagious disease has been confirmed at four farms in the Tewkesbury area of Gloucestershire, one in Shrewsbury, Shropshire, one in Hereford and one near Wakefield, South Yorkshire, means a 15-day ban on the movement of pigs and a coupe ban on exports.

A further 10km ban has also been imposed, with licences being issued for any movement of pigs.

The source of the disease has been traced to a Gloucestershire market earlier this year. Ministry officials said they were containing the outbreak, but it could have a serious effect on exports.

Breeders yesterday called for tougher controls on imported meat to prevent disease.

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Israeli Cabinet orders police to check on activities of spy chief

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Israeli police have been instructed to investigate the activities of Mr Avraham Shalom, head of Shin Bet, the Israeli counter-intelligence agency.

The order to carry out the investigation was reluctantly issued by the inner Cabinet at the request of Mr Yitzhak Zamir, the Attorney-General.

Details of the inquiry are not being released for security reasons. But according to an uncorroborated report broadcast by the ABC network, which named Mr Shalom, it involves suppressing evidence and influencing witnesses at an inquiry into the death of two Palestinians.

The two men died hours after being taken prisoner by the Army on a bus that had helped to hijack the Gaza Strip in April 1984.

Two of the hijackers and an Israeli girl soldier died when the bus was stormed by troops led by Brigadier-General Yitzhak Mordechai.

The other two members of

the gang died hours later after being handed over to the Shin Bet.

A disciplinary hearing into the deaths ended with only minor censures being given out, but three Shin Bet members were subsequently dismissed.

One of these three went to the High Court where his secret evidence would have been passed on to the Attorney-General.

Last Friday the Attorney-General informed the Cabinet that he intended opening proceedings against a senior official.

Permission was granted, but Mr Haim Bar-Lev, the Police Minister, made it plain in a radio interview yesterday that the Cabinet had urged the Attorney-General to drop the case.

"This is not a simple criminal affair but a matter affecting state security," he said.

Mr Zamir, in another interview, said that leaked reports about the case so far "in no

way describe the gravity of the facts or the great danger to the foundations of law and democracy in Israel."

He said that ministers should not consider it just a matter of security but of basic democratic values.

Some of the strongest opposition to an investigation came from Mr Ariel Sharon, the Trade and Industry Minister and former Defence Minister.

He said yesterday that the Government of Israel was responsible for waging war against terror and had to be allowed to decide the policy to use.

The Government should not be dictated to by officials, but should in fact dictate policy to the officials.

"I regret to say that self-destruction has become the accepted norm here in recent years," he said. "In this instance it is not a matter of the survival of law and democracy but one of danger to the very survival of Israel."

Colombia goes to Barco by a landslide

From Geoffrey Matthews, Bogotá

Señor Virgilio Barco Vargas, the Liberal Party's triumphant candidate in Colombia's presidential elections, has scored a sweeping victory of landslide proportions.

By the time all the results from Sunday's voting in a country twice the size of France are collated later this week, projections suggest that Señor Barco will finish with about two million votes more than his Conservative opponent, Señor Alvaro Gómez Hurtado.

Certainly, it appears that Señor Barco has achieved the biggest victory in Colombian electoral history.

A surprisingly high figure of eight million voters turned out to exercise their democratic right. That is about 60 per cent of the estimated electorate of 14 million which, in turn, is about half the population.

Yesterday the respected Bogotá newspaper *El Tiempo* projected the final result as 4,710,687 for Señor Barco and 2,707,121 for Señor Gómez.

In a mid-air meeting on Sunday the Conservative candidate saw the writing on the wall, with the Liberals then already more than one million votes ahead, and made a brief but dignified TV speech conceding defeat.

Señor Barco, a technocrat who will take office on August 7, pledged that his government would work to create "a more equal and just society".

Voting took place in a carnival atmosphere without violence.

The incumbent President Belisario Betancur Cuatras, a Conservative, said the election confirmed Colombia's place as "one of the oldest and most mature democracies on the Latin American continent."

The election, he said, was "a victory for all Colombians and a victory for peace".

His Defence Minister, General Miguel Vega Uribe, made the same point, hailing the election as "a triumph of democracy over subversion".

There was more than a modicum of irony there, since President Betancur's bold bid to forge peace with the nation's various guerrilla groups during his four-year term often brought him into conflict with the armed forces.



Señor Virgilio Barco Vargas and his wife acknowledge the cheers of supporters in Bogotá after his victory in the Colombian presidential election.

Man in the News

Technocrat approved by US

From Our Correspondent, Bogotá

The hard part for Señor Virgilio Barco Vargas, landslide winner of Colombia's presidential election, will start in August when he takes office. After that, judgment may be possible on the defensive billing of him by the Liberal Party's campaign headquarters as "a bad candidate who will make a good President."

Señor Barco, aged 65, is a technocrat and considered rather dull and uninspiring. A politician he is not. But, according to his supporters, his proved ability as a cool, calm administrator with an obsession for efficiency is just what this potentially extremely rich nation needs at a time when the economy is dramatically on the upturn.

But doubts persist. The Liberals' highly respected elder statesman, ex-President Carlos Lleras Restrepo, questions whether he has "the necessary qualities of leadership".

Other critics claim he is a weak figure who, once in office, will be manipulated by his close ally, ex-President Julio César Turbay Ayala. Although Señor Barco's own

integrity has not been questioned, there is disquiet over the political debts he may have accumulated in his quest for the presidency.

Such judgements are extremely premature. Four years ago the then President-elect, Señor Belisario Betancur Cuatras, a Conservative, was supposedly ripe for manipulation by his party's right wing.

However, once in office he proved to be his own man, steering a distinctly leftward course at home and abroad, taking Colombia into the non-aligned group of nations, spearheading the Contadora Group's peace initiative in Central America, and boldly bidding for peace with the nation's various guerrilla groups in an effort to end the vicious cycle of political violence that has plagued Colombia for decades.

Under Señor Barco, Colombia will assuredly veer to the right and relations can be expected to improve substantially with Washington, where President Betancur's persistent criticism of the Reagan Administration's support for the Contras in Nicaragua often rankled.

Señor Barco has strong and long-standing ties with the United States. He was educated in the United States, has a US-born wife, and according to uncorroborated reports at least one of his four children have US citizenship.

He has also served in the two key diplomatic posts traditionally considered to be stepping stones to the presidency; as Ambassador in London and in Washington (twice). He has also served as a director of the World Bank.

As President, Señor Barco will have two considerable advantages which Señor Betancur never enjoyed; a built-in majority from his own party in Congress and a buoyant economy.

But he owes his electoral victory to negative factors rather than his own virtues.

The Liberals have always been Colombia's majority party and this time, unlike 1982, they went into the elections united. But unity was achieved not by Señor Barco's political skills but by deep-rooted fears of the Conservatives' controversial right-wing candidate, Señor Alvaro Gómez Hurtado.

University riot toll in Nigeria rises to 15

Lagos (AP) — Eleven students shot by police during disturbances at the teaching hospital of the Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria died of their wounds over the weekend, bringing the death toll to 15.

The university has been closed indefinitely while Nigeria's military chiefs of staff investigate the causes of the unrest.

Reports say the trouble centred on the objections of university authorities to male students entering female dormitories.

Rebels give up

Quito (Reuters) — A group of left-wing Ecuadorian guerrillas have released unharmed Señor Enrique Echeverría, the senior official they had held for five days, and surrendered to government troops.

Long haul

Honolulu (AP) — The Solomon Islands' Prime Minister, Sir Peter Kenilorea, said it will take the Solomons 10 years to recover from destruction caused by Typhoon Namu, which left at least 101 people dead and 90,000 homeless.

Death by fire

Seoul (AFP) — A university student who set himself alight in an anti-government protest last month has died in hospital, the third victim of self-immolation in a month.

Van tragedy

Jakarta (AFP) — The driver and all eight passengers of a mini-van died instantly in a head-on crash with a bus.

Drug fight

Bangkok (AFP) — Burma is to receive \$10.2 million (£6.8 million) from the United Nations for a substitution crop programme to reduce opium production.

Red letter day

Berkeley, California (UPI) — The American Communist Party will publish a nationwide daily newspaper on June 3 for the first time in its 67-year history, using new technology pioneered by papers like the *Wall Street Journal*.

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Passport crackdown in Berlin

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

West Germany and three Western powers with occupation rights in Berlin yesterday met in Bonn to discuss an incident on Sunday in which diplomats from several Western countries, including West Germany and Italy, were stopped from crossing to the Western half of the divided city after refusing to show their passports.

It is expected the Western powers — the United States, Britain and France — will raise the issue with the Soviet Union as the co-occupying power of Berlin, because to raise it with East Germany would be to recognize its claim on the city.

Last Thursday the Government of East Germany sent a letter to embassies and diplomatic missions in East Berlin saying that from Sunday they would have to produce passports to cross the border. Previously, they had only to show the border guards an identity card issued by the East German Foreign Ministry.

It was understood yesterday that the change did not apply to American, British or French diplomats because their countries still had "occupation" rights in the city, which has remained unchanged since the end of the Second World War.

But despite the tendency of the "occupiers" to minimize the importance of the change and privately point out that the East Germans are likely to soon abandon the requirement to show passports, the East German ruling was causing them concern. They fear it may be used as a precedent to limit their access in the future.

Diplomats in East Berlin from Nato countries were also understood to be assessing the situation yesterday.

The development arises out of East Germany's periodic attempts, which have been going on for decades, to get East Berlin recognized as the capital of the East German communist state.

The United States, Britain and France argue it is an occupied city pending the peace treaty — still not finalized — which would settle all outstanding territorial questions arising from the Second World War.

They recognize it as an area occupied by the Soviet military government and not as the capital of East Germany.

Because of similar disputed points of international law, West Germany has a "standing representation" in East Berlin rather than an embassy. East Germany has a mission of similar status in Bonn.

Yesterday a busload of children of West German diplomats were allowed across the border to go to school in West Berlin.

Peace pact eludes Guatemala five

From John Carlin, Esquipulas, Guatemala

The five Central American Presidents returned home yesterday from their weekend summit in Esquipulas, having signed a declaration committing themselves to further peace negotiations and having agreed to the creation of a Central American Parliament.

But they had failed to resolve any of the basic difficulties that existed before they met.

In a document named "The Declaration of Esquipulas", the Presidents of Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras and Costa Rica expressed their common desire to sign the long-awaited Contadora peace treaty, a move which officials at the summit said was a statement of Central America's desire for a degree of independence from Washington's military approach to the problems.

But the Presidents also acknowledged that differences still existed, above all on the vexed question of arms control.

According to Nicaraguan officials at the summit, President Ortega made it clear that he could not commit himself to a reduction in his Army, the biggest in Central America, while Washington continued to finance the Contra rebels and while the threat existed of an American invasion.

Clearly, no progress was made on this point, which explains why a June 6 deadline set for the signing of the Contadora treaty is unlikely to be met.

"Problems still exist: 10 days are not sufficient to resolve them," President Cerezo of Guatemala told journalists after the summit.

"To stand by the June 6 date would be, in effect, to liquidate the Contadora process."

The declaration said the summiters had differed over what constitutes "a pluralist democracy".

As an indication of how far they were from agreement on a common peace project, insiders disclosed that by far the greater part of the discussions had centred not on Contadora but on President Ortega's defence of the democratic credentials of the Sandinista revolutionary Government against the sceptical, at times bitter, verbal assaults of the others.

In an informal conversation after the summit, President Arias of Costa Rica — renowned for his hardline anti-communist credentials — undermined "some of the conciliatory contents of the declaration" when he said gruffly that there had been "few points of agreement and many very serious discrepancies".

The agreement to create a Central American Parliament, the most substantial achievement, was described in the declaration as a mechanism to fortify the process of dialogue, but also to try to reach consensus on the definition of "democracy", this being a "fundamental element" for peace.

Unesco rejects observer ban on Britain

From Diana Geddes, Paris

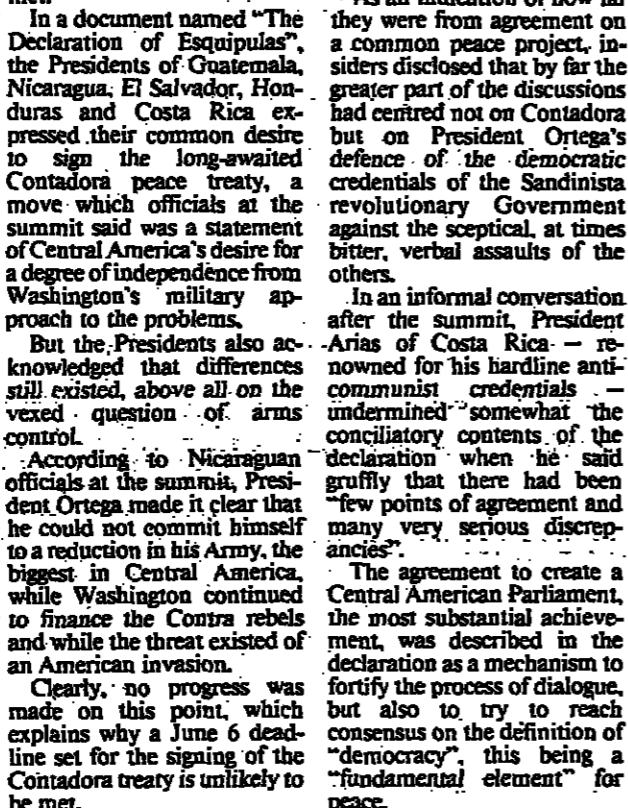
The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco) has defeated a move to deny Britain's request for observer facilities following its withdrawal from the organization in December.

The decision by the 49-member executive came after a long and heated debate behind closed doors.

The continuing resentment caused by Britain's decision was clear in the board's proposal that the independent British auditors, who have been used for auditing Unesco's accounts for the past 36 years, be replaced.

The present auditor, Sir John Downey, who is the British Comptroller General, had his mandate renewed in 1983 for another six years.

But the board has decided that the UN external audit service should take over the auditing of Unesco's accounts until the Unesco general conference has had a chance to review the matter at its next meeting in 1987.



The Labour Party leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, who is in India on a nine-day tour, visiting yesterday the 17th-century Red Fort in Delhi with his wife, Glensy.

Patchy end to East-West meeting

Geneva — The 35-nation Bern conference on improving East-West human contacts closed yesterday without fulfilling the high hopes engendered by Mr Mikhail Gorbachev's "spirit of co-operation" remarks at the Geneva summit last November (Alan McGregor writes).

"We got a lot of bits which have to be sewn together into a patchwork quilt," Sir Anthony Williams, leader of the British

delegation, said.

After Western and Soviet bloc delegates had criticized each other's final drafts — incorporating some compromises — representatives of neutral and non-aligned countries moved to break the impasse with a take-it-or-leave-it draft of their own, some provisions being compatible with points in the other two.

They advocated simplified

regulations for travel for family reasons, including family reunions; an end to interference in mail and postal calls; speedy travel formalities in cases of serious illness or death.

The conference, which opened on April 15, was part of the process initiated by the 1975 Helsinki Final Act. The second conference to review compliance with the Act began in Vienna in November.

Israel turns out for Mrs Thatcher

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Mrs Thatcher yesterday picked flowers in the desert, toured an area that was once a slum, and was politely interrogated by a select parliamentary committee during her whistle-stop tour of Israel.

Mrs Thatcher, whose tour is the first by a British Prime Minister to the modern state of Israel, was taken by helicopter to the Negev to pay tribute to David Ben-Gurion, the father of Israel, who is affectionately remembered as "The Old Man".

The trip to the desert that Ben-Gurion loved and believed should become the heart of Israel was made in the early morning, but still the sun was scorching by the time the helicopter landed. Mrs Thatcher laid a wreath of

manve and yellow carnations on the "Old Man's" tomb before heading to the desert university of Sede Boqer.

While there she picked a small bouquet of geraniums after being shown what had to be done to make the desert flower.

She then flew to Ashkelon, where she was greeted by hundreds of children waving Union Jacks.

Up to seven years ago, Ashkelon was a slum with a big unemployed population, largely made up of North African Jews, and one of the highest crime rates in the country.

It was adopted by British Jews as part of a "project reversal" scheme and now its flats are freshly painted and its gardens bloom.

Mrs Doreen Gainsford, one

of its British residents, told Mrs Thatcher that some 5,000 British volunteers helped transform the town and teach its people how to care for it.

"We were just a slum town," she said, "but we have changed all that and today you have made it quite the most important town in the world by coming here."

Mrs Thatcher, who was driven through the crowded streets of Ashkelon in a bus, moved from one side of the vehicle to the other to be seen by as many people as possible. When she left the coach, children swarmed everywhere and their mothers raised the triumphant ululation of the desert peoples. Mrs Thatcher seemed overwhelmed.

All the guests at a ceremony, in which she laid a foundation stone at a new school, wore the red rose of

England and clapped and cheered when she told them: "Ashkelon doesn't get a very good press in the Old Testament. I seem to remember it saying 'Don't publish the news in the streets of Ashkelon'. Today we have got good news and we are publishing it in the streets."

Mrs Thatcher then moved on to lunch at the Weizmann Institute, which last year set up the Margaret Thatcher Chair of Chemistry.

The luncheon speeches went on so long there was scarcely time for the drive back up the hill to Jerusalem where the Knesset's powerful foreign affairs and defence committee was waiting to interview her.

Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, who accompanied Mrs Thatcher throughout the day, once again introduced her with pride.

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2 - risk control after deregulation - defined

massive, *mas'iv*, *adj.* the scale of change the London security markets now face, e.g. new market members and structures, new products and competitors, increased volume of trading.

manage, *man'ij*, *vt.* until now trading risks in the separate financial markets have been understood. — **manage markets**, bankers, market-makers, jobbers and brokers each manage the different markets and risks within their discrete areas of operation.

menace, *men'as*, *n.* as organisations diversify and enter new financial markets where they have little experience, they are faced with new, ill-defined areas of risk.

motion, *mō'sh.m*, *n.* as many financial institutions move from commission-based to more competitive margin-based sources of corporate income. — **angular motion**, the degree of risk increases for inexperienced market members.

misunderstood, *mis-und-er-stōod*, *p.p.* the new and greater risks are not fully understood. Many traditional risk-control systems are hopelessly inadequate.

minimize, *min'imiz*, *vt.* if heavy losses and failures are to be kept to a minimum, management must identify these areas of risk and ensure that adequate reporting and control mechanisms are in place. — **minimal art**, the UK can learn from American markets liberalised during the '70s. Their experience clearly illustrates that only well-controlled firms survive.

meteoric, *mē-ti-or'ik*, *adj.* first-rate systems need to be instituted quickly - right from the start - because changes in London will be revolutionary, rather than evolutionary as in New York.

marauders, *mā-rōd'ərz*, *n.* new international competition with strong experience and substantial capital is attacking the London markets.

major, *mā'jər*, *adj.* even bigger changes in global finance markets are taking shape at the same time, e.g. market convergence, internationalisation, erosion of client loyalties and traditional relationships.

minefield, *mīn'fēld*, *n.* identifying and controlling risk/return in the new, highly competitive, global markets will require far-sighted and innovative approaches.

mandatory, *man'da-tō-ri*, *adj.* decision-support information will be an absolute requisite for commercial success.

moribund, *mor'i-bund*, *adj.* lack of prompt and focused decision-support information will condemn an organisation to quick and certain death from uncontrolled risks and unrecognised profit opportunities.

monitor, *mon'it'ər*, *vt.* to track, check and manage; information requirements need to be defined - in order **1.** to manage business resources (esp. capital) from a basis of knowledge, not ignorance. **2.** to gear-up an expensive and limited dealing resource, and control dealing operations. **3.** to develop a foundation of flexible and efficient administrative systems and databases.

map, *map*, *n.* this new approach requires a clear strategy to enable users' needs to be met on time; it must adapt to further changing business activities without requiring major systems rewrites.

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magnet, *mag'nit*, *n.* many of their consultants are drawn directly from line management.

mission, *mish'ən*, *n.* to implement recommendations practically; to roll up their sleeves; to work closely with client staff.

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Woman helicopter pilot snatches convict from roof of Paris jail

Paris (Reuter, AP) — A gangster serving an 18-year jail sentence made a dramatic escape by helicopter from the Santé prison in the heart of Paris yesterday and police said a mystery woman was at the controls.

Michel Vaujour, aged 35, was waiting on the rooftop in a warm-up suit when the white Alouette helicopter flew in to the prison, hovered above the rooftop and whisked him away at about 10.45 am.

A second prisoner had climbed up a rope with Vaujour to the roof, but failed to get on board the aircraft and was left behind.

A witness said that, as the helicopter hovered, one of the men grabbed a helicopter scid while the other remained on the roof.

"The scene lasted four to five minutes," the witness said. "The guards did not immediately react because the prisoners were blocked by a chimney, and they did not shoot."

Police said the helicopter was hired in the south-western suburb of Saint Cyr this morning by a woman accompanied by a man, both aged about 30. It was the fourth—and most



Michel Vaujour: fourth and most spectacular escape spectacular — jailbreak in Vaujour's career. He was convicted last year of armed robbery.

People living near the Santé prison said they heard the helicopter hovering for four or five minutes. Wardens saw the action, but did not have time to react before the helicopter flew away.

The helicopter landed soon after on a football field. Two men and a woman got out of the helicopter, walked several times round it and ran off towards the ring road."

said a waitress at a nearby restaurant.

"I thought they were tourists — they weren't panicking at all," she added. "The gangster arrived in a red helicopter about 10 to 15 minutes later."

Police launched a vast man-hunt and searched the helicopter with dogs for clues.

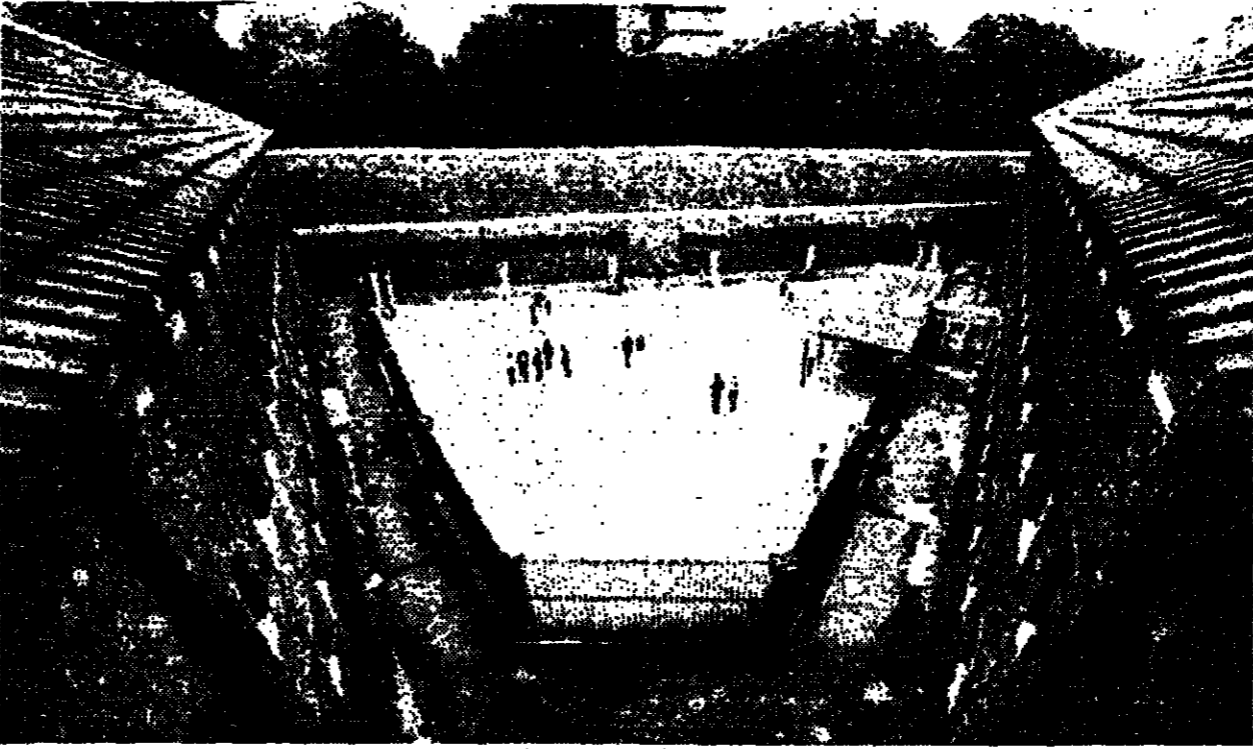
The escape comes as a blow to the new Government of the Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac, which has pledged a merciless crackdown on violent crime.

The Santé prison, a gloomy building in southern Paris, was the setting for a dramatic 1978 escape by the gangster Jacques Mesrine, known as France's "Public Enemy Number One."

Mesrine and a fellow prisoner held up three wardens, put on their uniforms, scaled the prison wall, stole a car and vanished into the Paris traffic. Mesrine was ambushed and killed by police in November 1979.

Two prisoners used a helicopter to escape from the Fleury-Mérogis prison in suburban Paris in February 1981, but were quickly recaptured.

The Santé prison has cables stretched above the courtyard to stop helicopters landing there.



A yard at the Santé prison in Paris, where a helicopter yesterday dropped a line to two prisoners, one of whom was lifted out.

Corsican separatists admit terror attack

From Diana Geddes Paris

The Corsican National Liberation Front has claimed responsibility for the terrorist attack on a holiday camp in Corsica, in which two people died and four were injured. But the front says that it had never intended to kill.

In a statement sent to newspapers on the island, the separatist movement said: "As everyone knows, this type of

action is intended simply to destroy buildings after the neutralization of the occupants who are placed in a safe place, out of the range of an explosion."

The 30 people in the camp on May 15 had been tied up and warned about the danger of explosions, the statement said.

But they had not paid attention to that warning. M Jacques Rosselet, aged 66, and a policeman were killed as

they were trying to defuse one of the bombs left by the terrorists.

"We did not want that to happen, and it should be remembered that we have always made it a point of honour to avoid such accidents, often to the peril of the lives and security of our own members", the front claimed.

The statement said that M Rosselet had been singled out for attack because of his "deep-seated hatred against

Corsica... We knew about his suspicious friendships; indeed, our commando found weapons and explosives ready for use on the site (of the camp)."

After the attack, police arrested 65 people in raids on homes of suspected separatist militants and sympathizers, but all were released without being charged. It is understood that six people are still being sought.

Canberra ponders Maralinga options

From Stephen Taylor Sydney

A report by British and Australian scientists outlining proposals to clear waste from British nuclear test sites in the outback is being studied by the Federal Government.

The report is by the technical advisory group formed by agreement between Westminster and Canberra after the findings last year by the royal commission into British nuclear tests in Australia. It was handed at the weekend to Senator Gareth Evans, the Minister for Energy and Resources.

It does not make recommendations but outlines the options, with estimated costs, for clearing highly toxic plutonium waste left at the Maralinga site by Britain at the end of the test programme in 1963.

The Thatcher Government rejected a recommendation by the commission that Britain should bear the cost of restoring Maralinga to a state suitable for unrestricted habitation by Aborigines, but agreed to the advisory group after Senator Evans met Mr Norman Lamont, the former Minister of State for Defence Procurement.

Penance ends for Punjab leader

Priests forgive raid on Golden Temple

From Michael Hasmaly, Delhi

The chief priests of the Golden Temple of Amritsar yesterday officially forgave Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, the Chief Minister of Punjab state, who ordered police into the temple to remove extremists.

The Chief Minister presented himself as the Sikh of temporal and spiritual power, having completed a week of penance cleaning the shoes of the faithful at various Sikh temples around the state and in Delhi.

The five chief priests called the police action "painful and deplorable".

Mr Surjit Singh Barnala pointed out to them that he had given the orders only in consonance with a directive of the General Council of Sikhs held in February, but nonetheless accepted the penance "as a true Sikh".

Yesterday he said the atonement had given him "great inner strength" and had proved "a boon to my personal purification".

It has also strengthened him against his opponents within the ruling Akali Dal party.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister said the security situation in Punjab was not as bad as it had been painted. He said the arrests of more than 120 extremists during the past fortnight had put the rest "virtually on the run".

Just how dangerous they

can be, however, is illustrated by the two or three deaths a day which continue to be reported from various parts of the state. Sunday's death toll of five included two terrorists shot during a battle with police in the Amritsar district.

Mr Surjit Singh Barnala yesterday virtually ruled out the chance of calling in the Army to help control the fighting in the worst hit districts. "The Army is no answer to the problem," he said.

● VANCOUVER: A Cabinet minister from India's Punjab state has been shot and seriously wounded while visiting here, but is expected to live (Reuter reports).

Police said Mr Malkiat Singh Sidhu was shot four times in the chest after his car was forced off the road near Gold River, on Vancouver Island's west coast, on Sunday.

Mr Jagdish Sharma, the local Indian consul, said Mr Sidhu was returning from visiting relatives when his car, which was travelling with three others, was forced off the road. He was then shot by an assailant with a pistol. No one else in the car was injured.

Mr Sidhu was named a Cabinet minister in the Punjab Government of Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, which militants have vowed to destroy, a month ago.

400 die as ferry sinks in storm

From Ahmed Fazi Dhaka

At least 400 people drowned when a double-decker ferry boat sank in the River Meghna after it was battered by a storm in southern Bangladesh on Sunday night, officials said yesterday.

President Ershad's top aides flew to the area, 85 miles from Dhaka, to inquire into the disaster. Officials say it could be the worst river tragedy in the country's 15-year history.

The state radio said the ferry boat Sumia, with 500 passengers on board, sank when it was caught in a storm on the way to Dhaka from the southern coastal island of Bhola.

Saleh Hasan, a local magistrate, said that divers had recovered at least 85 bodies so far.

But more than 200 people could be trapped inside the sunken boat and scores had been carried away by the current.

Weather men say that winds reaching 70 mph sank several smaller boats in the area. On April 21 more than 200 people died in another ferry boat disaster about 25 miles from Dhaka.

Firms get Tamil warning

From Vijitha Yapa Colombo

The threat by a Tamil guerrilla group that it will attack the plants of multinational companies which continue to operate in Sri Lanka, is being taken seriously by the Government.

In a statement issued from its Madras office on Sunday, the Eelam Revolutionary Organisation of Students (Eros) told multinationals to pull out of Sri Lanka or face attacks on their plants.

The statement referred to the destruction of a cement plant in Trincomalee, in eastern Sri Lanka, on May 20, and asked multinationals to stop swindling the people and leave.

Tamil separatist guerrillas claimed responsibility for the destruction of the cement plant — the second largest on the island and a joint Japanese-Sri Lankan venture — which is expected to be out of operation for at least a year.

Mr Tilak Samarasekera, the director general of Sri Lanka's free trade zones, said security had been stepped up at industries within the zones during the past few weeks and new surveillance equipment had been imported.

Picture upsets Aquino

Manila (AFP) — The Government yesterday banned a veteran Filipino photojournalist from covering President Aquino after a picture of her putting food in her mouth appeared in a leading newspaper here.

Mr Teodoro Locsin, the Information Minister, withdrew the palace accreditation of Albert Garcia for having deliberately disregarded coverage rules which he had agreed to follow. Mrs Aquino's spokeswoman said.

The picture, which appeared on the front page of the Manila Bulletin on Sunday, showed Mrs Aquino putting food in her mouth as she breakfasted at a military camp during a visit to the southern city of Davao.

A chief of state should be accorded the respect due her office, Miss Alice Villadolid, a spokeswoman, said.

She said the suspension was temporary. Mr Garcia was not available for comment.

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Compaq beats Apple record for fastest entry to Fortune 500

COMPAQ COMPUTER have run away with rival Apple computer's record for making the Fortune 500 in the shortest time ever. Compaq entered the list at 463 after only four years whilst Apple took five.

"Compaq made it to the list faster than any company in the 32 years since we've been recording corporate performance," confirmed editor of Fortune magazine James B. Hoefler.

- High demand for Compaq PCs has sustained dizzy profit growth even by silicon valley standards. In the last two years, net income has jumped from \$4.7 million to \$26.6 million.
- Their performance is particularly marked after another mixed year for the computing industry (where profits fell by 6.2%). Only the hungrier corporations have achieved marked growth.
- President of Compaq Rod Canion explained, "We have worked very hard to build the kind of company that can continue to respond quickly to the needs of the marketplace and yet have the size and capability of a major international corporation."
- Compaq also holds the record for the fastest company start up in US history. By the end of its first year, sales had hit a record \$111.2m.

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A nation of plenty salves its conscience and holds hands for its hungry



All being well, the Hands Across America razzmatazz will have raised well over \$50 million (£33.3 million) for the hungry and homeless in the US, an amount so piffling by the standards of this wealthy nation that it will make hardly any difference at all.

This sad irony was totally lost in the national enthusiasm for the exercise on Sunday, which even for a time interrupted afternoon sport on television (Chris-

pher Thomas writes from Washington). President Reagan seized the photo-opportunity and swayed to the tune of the catchy "Hands Across America" song outside the north portico of the White House. He and Mrs Reagan held hands with children and their daughter Maureen (above right).

Four days earlier, still insisting that he would not take part, he told schoolchildren in an unrehearsed remark: "I don't

believe there is anyone going hungry in America simply by reason of denial and lack of ability to feed them; it is by people not knowing where or how to get help."

Over a long family meal later on, with roars of protest reverberating from charity groups around the country, he decided he would, after all, hold hands with the rest of the millions of people who formed a chain - broken in many places, admittedly - which meandered more

than 4,000 miles from New York to Los Angeles.

The chain included Dave Parker, the baseball player, joining hands with 150 Little Leaguers in the Three Rivers Stadium in Pittsburgh (above left) and Sean Lennon with his mother, Yoko Ono, and Liza Minnelli at Battery Park, New York (centre).

Hands move accustomed to grasping Gucci bags and Rolls-Royce steering

wheels formed a chain along the priciest part of the cross-country route. Gregory Peck, Joan Collins, Louis Jordan, Barbi Benton, Little Richard, Lionel Richie, Sidney Poitier and Miss Universe, Debra Carthy-dea, were among those in the chain on Wilshire Boulevard in Beverly Hills.

There is poverty in the United States, of course, but it is five-star luxury compared with the sights you see in

India, in neighbouring Mexico, and the little war-torn countries of Central America. Those and many other hungry countries, especially in Africa, will receive far less humanitarian aid from the US next year because of stringent budget-cutting in Washington.

In 1981, when Mr Reagan took office, the Census Bureau said 29.3 million Americans lived in poverty. Last year the figure was 34 million.

Future of Star Wars threatened by Capitol Hill austerity

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Enthusiasm for President Reagan's once-glamorous Star Wars initiative is fading rapidly in Capitol Hill in the sombre mood of budget restraint, threatening the entire concept of futuristic space-based defences for the foreseeable future.

There is obviously no longer any chance that President Reagan will realize his dream that a non-nuclear shield against enemy missiles would be positioned above America by the end of the century. The timetable, as far as one exists any more, now stretches well into the 21st century.

In each of the past three years, Congress has sharply trimmed the Administration's requested funding for Star Wars, formally known as the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI).

Next month, the axe is likely to fall with even greater force when the Senate armed forces committee looks at funding for the year beginning October 1.

To the dismay of the White House, a bipartisan coalition of 46 senators has been formed to demand a huge cutback in the Star Wars programme, representing the most serious challenge to SDI since President Reagan announced it with such fanfare on March 23 1983. He proclaimed at the time that Star Wars could make nuclear weapons obsolete, a belief that most experts today dismiss as futuristic fantasy.

The senators are demanding no more than a 3 per cent after-inflation increase for the SDI next year rather than the massive 74 per cent rise Mr Reagan has requested. They wrote to the armed forces committee: "Our concern is that the Strategic Defence Initiative has received excessive and inappropriate emphasis on the Department of Defence's budget."

"Not only are the goals of the research effort unclear, the need for accelerated funding for a long-range programme

such as SDI has not been demonstrated."

"We are concerned that the SDI programme is being rushed to a premature development decision in the early 1990s in order to meet an unrealistic schedule."

The senators' move has sparked efforts in the House of Representatives to set up a similar coalition to fight for cuts in Star Wars funding.

Representative Charles Bennett, a Democrat from Florida and a senior member of the House armed services committee, said he was establishing a bipartisan coalition with the aim of freezing SDI funding next year without allowances for inflation.

The dwindling support for the programme means that less money will be available for research by overseas firms and institutions. Britain is by far the most enthusiastic allied supporter of Star Wars, and was the first to sign an agreement to participate in research.

Oslo row over UN priority

From Tony Samstag Oslo

Mrs Gro Harlem Brundtland, the new Norwegian Prime Minister, has attracted sharp criticism for her decision to attend the fifth session of the United Nations World Commission on Environment and Development, of which she is chairman, which opened in Ottawa yesterday.

Opposition leaders were astonished that she insisted on attending when Norway is grappling with public-sector strikes and facing a crucial budget debate.

Mrs Brundtland said she was hard put to understand how, in the wake of the Chernobyl disaster anyone could question the supreme importance of the commission.

She said: "Norway has been appointed to lead the commission, and I cannot just leave it now."

● **Whale steak:** Whale steaks topped the lunch menu yesterday in the Norwegian Parliament as the country's whaling fleet, defying international protests, set out on the first day of the 1986 whaling season (Reuter reports).

US-Mexico drugs crisis: 2

Boom time again for the traffickers

In the second of two articles from Washington, Christopher Thomas examines the US response to Mexico's attempts to stem the tide of drugs across the border.

Five years ago Mexican marijuana cultivation had been all but obliterated. Countless fields of opium poppies, too, lay dead, wiped out by herbicides sprayed from government helicopters, and drug lords had fled. Until two years ago the United States was still fulsomely praising Mexico's drug eradication programme as a model for the world. So, what went wrong?

Traffickers have shown a tenacious determination to re-establish themselves. They have lavishly bought off government officials, sections of the judiciary and the police.

The viciousness of their trade was brought home to the American public last year with the gruesome torture and murder

of special agent Enrique Camarena of the US Drugs Enforcement Agency, who had been working under cover.

Today's drugs crisis between the US and Mexico can be traced to that single event, but there is a long drug history across the border.

From the 1930s to the 1960s Mexico provided America with almost all its marijuana, until better organized rivals, such as Jamaica and Colombia, stole the market. An official attack on Mexican crops with the chemical paraquat finally forced Mexico out of the picture.

The producers, however, have fought back spectacularly and now dominate the hungry US market in marijuana. A schoolboy can afford a little of it and can invariably find it. The quality is good and America is awash with the stuff.

The story of heroin production is also one of a remarkable comeback. After the demise of the French Com-

mission in 1972, Mexican criminal organizations scrambled to fill the gap in heroin supply. Soon they provided 87 per cent of the American market. But an onslaught by the Mexican Government reduced that drastically by 1979.

The US estimates, however, that 42 per cent of the heroin consumed in the US last year came from Mexico. Every year the figure rises.

Drug production is an institution in large areas of Mexico, particularly in the states of Durango, Chihuahua and Sinaloa, where more than 4,000 soldiers have lately been searching for marijuana and destroying poppy fields and destroying them. Opium poppies have been grown in the mountains since the war, when poor Mexican farmers were encouraged to produce them for morphine manufacture.

Drug trafficking is sanctioned at high levels of government, aided by bribery and steeped in romance and vio-

lence. President de la Madrid, who came to power on a pledge to combat corruption, has achieved little. As he enters the last two years of his administration, he has little power to act. American authorities complain bitterly that the hard evidence they present to the Mexican police is blatantly and routinely ignored.

The House Narcotics Committee said in a report last month that drug smuggling from Mexico was "totally out of control", adding that Mexican drugs were now "threatening the entire country". Many congressmen claim that illegal immigrants are being used as drug smugglers.

"We have to look to Mexico to halt production and trafficking of drugs," the State Department said. Mexican officials retort, with some justification, that they can never hope to halt the supply so long as America continues to provide the demand.

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Nuclear issue starts crisis in Finland

From Olli Kivinen Helsinki

Nuclear power threatens to bring down Finland's four-party centre-left coalition today unless the populist Rural Party decides to withdraw its motion demanding the dismantling of the country's four nuclear reactors by the year 2000.

The Social Democrat Prime Minister, Mr Kalevi Sorsa, reacted angrily on Friday when two of his coalition partners, the Rural Party and the Swedish People's Party, tabled anti-nuclear motions. He said the Government would resign if the two motions were not withdrawn by today.

The Swedish People's Party withdrew its motion immediately. The Rural Party is expected to withdraw its motion, too. It is the only coalition partner which stands to lose if elections are held immediately.

United Nations to tackle problem of creating famine-free Africa

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

The United Nations General Assembly will convene today in an unprecedented session to discuss Africa beyond the famine and the possibility of a self-sufficient, food-producing continent in the not too distant future.

The appeals will be for long-term investment and development that will steer the continent away from its obsession with urbanization towards an emphasis on agricultural modernization.

Eighteen months ago, a session promoting a grand design for Africa, rather than urgent attempts to ensure its very survival on a day-to-day basis, would have seemed impossible. But longed-for rains finally fell on the parched soils of much of sub-Saharan Africa in 1985, bringing most of the region's 45 countries a good harvest.

Yet experts warn that one favourable harvest will not

end the food shortage. Rather Africa has been given a fleeting opportunity to cast aside but deeply ingrained economic policies, and work quickly and efficiently to avoid another big famine.

After lengthy debate and soul-searching, the Organization of African Unity has put forward a two-pronged strategy to save African economies from collapse.

It calls for \$128 billion (£86 billion) of investment in agricultural development over the next five years, with two thirds of that sum being put up by African countries themselves. With African nations staggering under a \$200 billion foreign debt, the plan also calls for the cancellation of billions of dollars of interest due on outstanding loans.

However, the United States, which is the largest aid donor, has exemplified Western reluctance to deal in figures by

making it clear that it does not regard the session as an opportunity for considering specific proposals for aid or debt relief.

The week-long discussions are likely to lay the basis for gradual, piecemeal progress on economic problems country by country, with a general thread of a more market-oriented approach.

The United Nations Development Programme has identified 10 main factors contributing to Africa's food crisis. They include inadequate land use, outdated agricultural techniques, lack of research, emphasis on cash crops, pricing policies with disastrous effects on incentives to farmers, and lack of rural investment, which has accelerated rather than steadied urban drift.

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Queen Sofia opens Madrid art centre

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Spain's art-loving Queen Sofia inaugurated here yesterday the first phase of a major new art centre, which will bear her name. It is envisaged as Madrid's answer to the Pompidou Centre in Paris.

Señor Javier Solana, the Culture Minister, said the centre's aim would be to stimulate links between Spanish artists and those from abroad, as well as to "recover for Spain" 20th-century art ignored by the Franco regime.

The timing of the opening, however, provoked controversy. Critics, including El País, the Madrid independent daily, yesterday accused the Socialists of involving the Queen in electioneering close to the June 22 general election while the project is still only a quarter finished.

Local inhabitants near the Prado Museum, where the art centre is situated, were upset by the killing of more than 150 cats which had been living on the site before the ceremony. The Madrid Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said yesterday it was trying to rescue the survivors.

Unlike the Pompidou Centre, with its ultra-modern architecture, the Sofia Centre occupies the massive stone and granite General Hospital for

Men, built in the late 18th century, which was finally closed only in the 1960s.

The Franco regime planned to pull it down, but the advent of democracy rescued it as an historic building. While the planners debated its future, the cats moved in.

Artists and government representatives saw Queen Sofia go round an exhibition of the works of three leading Spanish artists, two Americans and one German. The hospital wards have been transformed into beautiful white exhibition spaces.

As renovation proceeds, Madrid's two existing modern collections will be rehoused at the centre.

Some art critics have praised the Government's move, arguing that it offers an historic opportunity to re-define Spain's official policies towards contemporary art. But others emphasize that the new centre has no director or firmly established structure.

The Government's budget to cover all the arts this year totals £156 million. Existing galleries are unable to pay for more attendants or to compete at foreign art auctions. Madrid still has no permanent opera or concert hall.

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The Tythingmen will swear the Oath of Fealty to the Lord of the Manor; the View of Frankpledge will be taken; ale-tasters, flesh-weighers, and bread-weighers will check the local beer, meat, and bread as they did centuries ago.

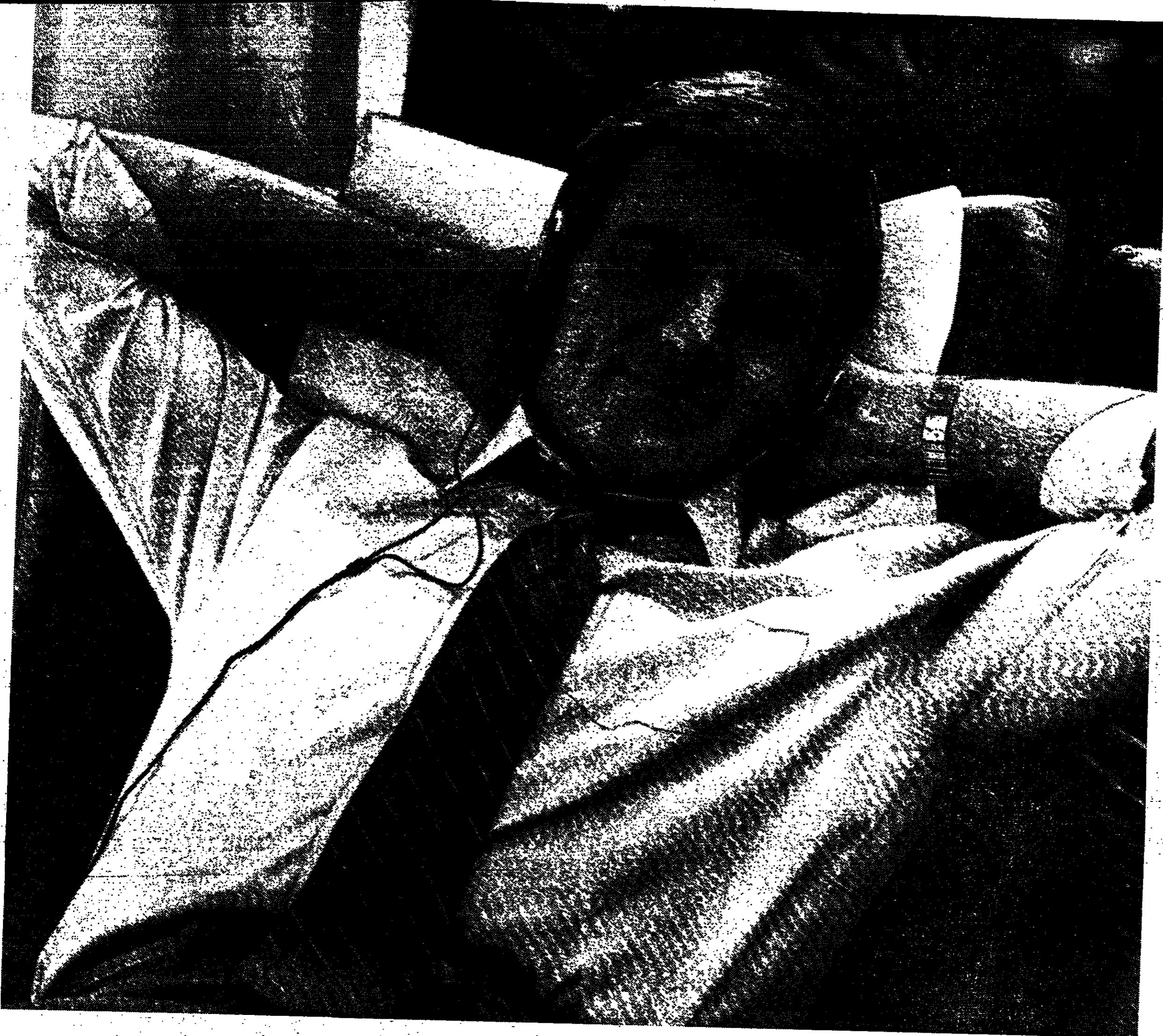
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The Courts will be preceded by a buffet luncheon with wine and moid in the Old Library and Crypts, Guildhall, London EC2, at 12.45pm when medieval music will be played. The procession for the Courts will begin at 2pm to a fanfare by the State Trumpeters of the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall, and the Courts will end at 3pm.

A limited number of tickets is available on application to the National Committee at 104 Kennington Road, London SE11 6RE. (Telephone: 01-735 6633).

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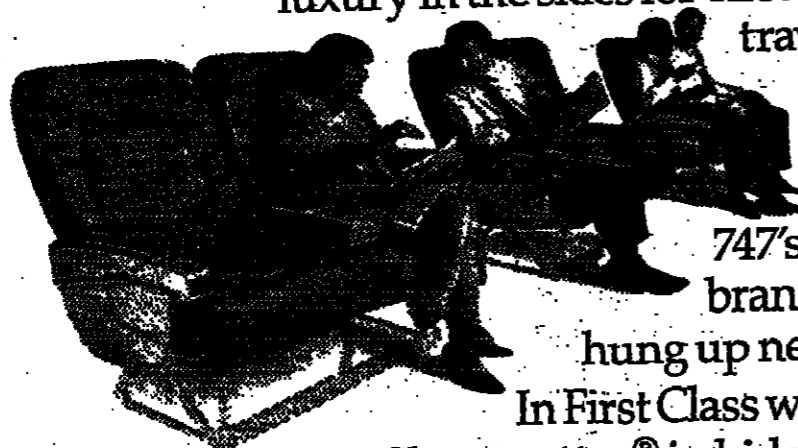
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Outwitting the boulevard bombers

Tomorrow the French cabinet meets to try to find a way of combating the terrorist threat on the streets of Paris, reports Diana Geddes

The warning was chillingly clear: "We will continue to carry out our operations on the streets of Paris as long as the three terrorists (imprisoned in France) are not released..."

Other attacks may follow, for there is little chance that the new right-wing French government — which has placed the fight against terrorism at the top of its list of priorities — would ever dream of freeing any of the prisoners whose release the group is demanding.

Most French terrorism is imported

Over the past five years, more than 40 attacks involving death or injury have been carried out in the capital alone. Many more have caused only material damage.

Strangely, the French Ministry of the Interior does not keep a record of specifically terrorist attacks. But its figures show that since 1982 France has been subjected to an annual average of more than 1,000 bomb attacks.

The extreme-left group described its aim as being "to hit central installations which link their political, economic and military strategy, and at the heart of which are found the strongest antagonisms of the international proletariat/imperialist bourgeoisie..."

France has more than its fair share of terrorist attacks, partly because of its position as a major international crossroads. It also has highly permeable borders, including six frontiers with foreign countries, and a large population of Arab immigrants from France's former North African colonies.

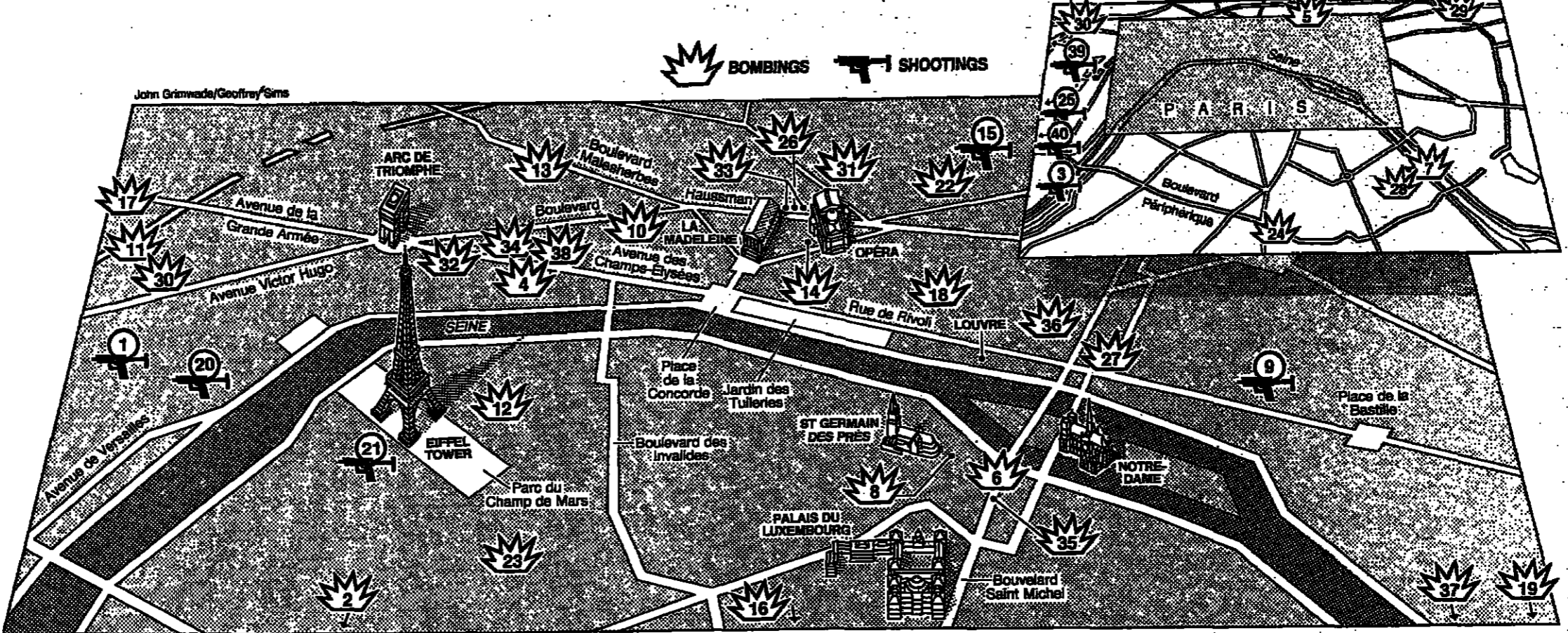
But some of the attacks are also aimed at changing French policy in the Middle East. The CSPPA, for example, has denounced what it sees as "the reactionary and colonialist policy of the French government, hostile to the aspirations of the Arab people, pro-Israeli, and subjugated to Washington's will."

The CSPPA is also a good example of how terrorism can feed on itself. No sooner is one terrorist group put in prison, than another comes along to kill more people in order to free the first group.

This apparent "no win" situation has prompted some, including Charles Pasqua, the hard-hitting new Minister of the Interior, to call for the restoration of the death penalty. But the balance of opinion in the new government, including that of Jacques Chirac, the prime minister, is firmly against it.

A 30-year prison sentence, without possibility of remission, was proposed instead, but even that has now been watered down to a minimum of 20 years without remission after jurists, prison officers and others protested that a 30-year sentence would turn prisoners into tinder-boxes.

The government has prepared a panoply of other measures designed, as it says, "to terrorise the terrorists", which are due to be presented at tomorrow's cabinet meeting.



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Some want the death penalty brought back

terrorists or their accomplices into "grassing" on their colleagues, and increased financial rewards would be offered to ordinary citizens for information leading to arrests.

While a poll earlier this month showed that 87 per cent of French people believed that terrorism constituted a "serious threat" to France, and 50 per cent feared that they or a member of their family could become a victim of a terrorist attack, not everyone approves of the government's new measures...

France is thought to have lost half of its American tourist trade this year because of fears of terrorist attacks. The Stars and Stripes has been taken down from most US buildings. Senior figures in the 15,000-strong American community living in Paris have taken to carefully varying their daily routine, avoiding places traditionally frequented by other Americans.

By and large, however, the ordinary Parisian goes about his daily business as normal, taking the Métro (where a bomb was found by an observant passenger in March), sitting at the pavement cafés (a favourite summertime terrorist target), and shopping in the big department stores like the Galeries Lafayette, near the Opéra (where a bomb exploded last December).

"Perhaps one is a little more wary", a Parisian friend said, "but life goes on. It is not as if we are living in a permanent state of fear."



Random slaughter: one of the 15 victims of 1985's Marks & Spencer attack is carried away

RIGHT AND LEFT OF FRANCE'S TERROR GROUPS

Communist Solidarity aux Prisonniers Politiques Arabes et du Proche Orient (Committee of Solidarity with Arab and Middle Eastern Political Prisoners - CSPPA).

First appeared in February when it claimed responsibility for the three bomb attacks in shops in Paris. Demands the release of three terrorists imprisoned in France: Annis Naccache, head of the five-man commando team thwarted to assassinate Chapour Bakhtiar, last Iranian prime minister under the Shah; Varadjian Garbijian, Syrian-born Armenian and head of the ASALA commando which attacked Orly airport in July, 1983; and Abdallah Georges Ibrahim.

Abu Nidal: Syrian-based dissident Palestinian group, named after their leader who was condemned to death in 1974 by Yasser Arafat, the PLO leader. Mainly Jewish targets, including the commando attack on Rosenberg's restaurant in August 1982. Reputedly made a deal with French government at that time not to carry out any further attacks in France in return for an undertaking that two Abu Nidal terrorists, imprisoned since 1978, would be freed after serving just half their 15-year sentence. The two were released in February this year. No Abu Nidal attacks reported since 1982.

Armée Secrète Arménienne pour la Libération de l'Arménie (Secret Armenian Army for the Liberation of Armenia - ASALA).

Marxist, nationalist organization, suspected of being manipulated by Arab powers in to get the Turkish government to recognize the Armenian genocide of 1915 and to win independence for Armenia. Mainly, but not exclusively, Turkish targets, starting with the killing of the Turkish ambassador and his chauffeur in Paris in October 1975. Little activity in France since the arrest and imprisonment of Garbijian.

Front de Libération Nationale Corse (Corsican National Liberation Front - FLNC): Corsican separatist movement, founded in 1976. Bomb attacks mainly carried out in Corsica, usually against French "national" targets. But some attacks also in Marseilles, Toulon, and Nice, and more rarely in Paris. Carried out the recent bomb attack on the holiday centre in Corsica, in which two people were killed and four injured, but do not usually seek to maim or kill.

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FASHION by Suzy Menkes

W. A. S. P. without the sting

close up

RALPH LAUREN

Old England inspires a New World designer

In 1973, Ralph Lauren designed film costumes for *The Great Gatsby*. Today, white flannels, breezy cotton, fine linens, monogrammed shirts and a Scott Fitzgerald smell of old money make up Lauren's fashion image.

"Old money is a term I really dislike," says Ralph Lauren. "I don't know what it means. It is a question of good taste or not. I was not born to the manor. And I am not fantasizing about that just because I like old English leather and I don't like pink Cadillacs with fins."

Ralph Lauren, at 46, has built up a fashion empire in America worth \$1.2 billion. He has also created his ultimate fantasy — a five-floor mansion in Manhattan that echoes *Gatsby's* old-world grandeur. Lauren's edifice is New York's first designer store. It is hung, furnished and decorated with trophies of old money — or at least Old England: solid mahogany cabinets to display the clubbable ties that were Ralph Lauren's introduction to selling fashion 19 years ago.

"I've used my money," he says, "to express my dreams."

Deep chintzy sofas with tapestry cushions invite men to try on shoes or survey a collection of saddle-soaped riding boots; portraits of graceful 1920s sophisticates line the sweeping central staircases; horses and their masters are pictured proudly on the back stairs.

Then there are the goods for sale. The curving ballroom of the original Rhineland mansion (bought by a millionaire but never lived in) houses the

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elegant and formal men's suits. Success, says Lauren, is "sort of sexy in men". On the top floor, the beds that furnish a setting for the Ralph Lauren home collection are crackly with fresh linen against solid wooden frames.

Like the life-style ads photographed by Bruce Weber out of Scott Fitzgerald, the image of the store is romantic, succulent and idealized. White Anglo-Saxon Protestant America and the aristocracy of Old England were never quite as decent as this. Lauren shows W.A.S.P. without the sting. Yet he insists that he is not trying to recreate class symbols in the New World.

"I don't believe in phoneyism and arrogance," he says. "And I don't believe that one person is better than another. In every country there is an international class, an elegance and universal taste. It is about understatement, a sense of breeding, restraint and flair. That is what I believe in."

The shop that Lauren opened in London in 1981 was the seedling for the Madison Avenue store. The old Savoy and Moore building in Bond Street, gracefully restored, introduced the idea of a shop that conveyed atmosphere as well as purveying clothes. This idea is integral to England and has been marketed to a certain extent by Laura Ashley, but is unexpected in America where the big stores make the running. Lauren's new shop will be the flagship for the 50 freestanding Polo/Ralph Lauren stores nationwide and throughout Europe.

The London shop, after an uncertain start, is a success and is expanding into the next-door building — formerly Lord Nelson's town house. It will open, after extensive restoration, in 1987. The idea of selling Old England back to the English has now been extended to France, where Ralph Lauren has taken over the one-time temple of Britishness abroad — the Thomas Cook building at the Madeleine. The three-floor store opened in Paris last month with bowls of peonies dripping pale petals on beeswax furniture.

The clothes are the Lauren classics: pure wool and striped cotton, quality flannels, tweeds, delicate handkerchiefs and linens. They are inspired — for both sexes — by traditional menswear.

"The clothes I design are very low key and unfashionable," he says. "All is in the details and the fabric."

Lauren says that he is no longer reticent about offering back the kind of goods that were once symbols of British style. "What used to be made is not made now," he says. "People think they can still find it. I have pulled it back. I love things that age and age with quality, but I have never tried to copy anything. Of course my dream of England is romantic, but I have pulled the essence of the dream out of the real thing."



Ralph Lauren's fashion achievement has been to bring the feel of customized suits and shirts, hand-made shoes and quality cloth in updated shapes, to clothes that are made on a factory line. He started the menswear Polo collection in 1968, after working at Brooks Brothers, the heartland of American prep style.

His first women's collection was in 1971, based on menswear shapes and the premise, as he puts it, that "a woman in a tuxedo is more sexy than a girl in a gown".

"There are two kinds of sexiness," he explains. "I'm not saying that one is better than another. I like a woman not looking like she's primed in front of a mirror all night long."

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His business figures are now awesome and the ranges of clothes and accessories vast. The menswear sold under the Polo label is broken into three separate ranges, from Ivy League suits at the upper end to "roughwear" at the other. Similarly, the women's collections encompass active wear, swimwear, the main collection and its less expensive counterparts, as well as fragrances. Girls' and boys' clothes were introduced; so was luggage, leather goods and home furnishings (in 1983) that will soon be brought into Europe.

There is slight chagrin in the British fashion world that Lauren has succeeded in marketing British style as high fashion at designer prices, while in Britain there is a gap between the classic and the creative.

Ralph Lauren readily admits his debt to England. But he says that his knowledge came mostly from books, magazines and dreams. The American West inspired his earlier Pioneer and Navajo collections, and his enduring love affair with denim. Yet that, too, was based on a vision of a Big Country America that he had never seen.

Ralph Lauren was brought up in the

Bronx in a Jewish family. But any similarity between the phoney Jay Gatsby, né James Gatz, and Ralph Lauren, né Lifshitz, ends with the names. Lauren is sincere about his work and consistent in his designs. He believes in quality, standards and the product itself, rather than what other people might think it stands for. He is not buffeted by fashion winds; the body-conscious European style becomes the merest tuck in a Norfolk jacket; his perception of *Dynasty* opulence is a pure camelhair coat or buttermilk sheepskin.

"Restraint is important," he says. "Other designers do big sleeves or ruffles. It is a sense of knowing who you are."

His fashion heroes are unlikely — Anthony Eden, Woody Allen (whom he dresses on and off screen), John Kennedy, Cary Grant, even Margaret Thatcher. ("People who have a sense of themselves, a personal style, who stand for something.")

He himself is wearing a white Western shirt, blue jeans and well-worn cowboy boots. His favourite shirt is lumberjack check and he is seen in a cowboy hat as well as a business suit.

His three homes — the fruits of success — reflect what he calls his "point of view about taste" — not English country house style. His ranch in Colorado has exposed beams and big stone fireplaces. The apartment on Central Park, where he lives with his wife Ricky and three children, is modern, white and clean.

"There is so much noise in New York and life is so hectic. You need to come back to something spare and white," he says. The billowing white net curtains in a store roomset are inspired by his Jamaican villa.

We met on his son's birthday. He is 17 and Ralph says, not with any great conviction, that he hopes he won't come into the business. He is proud of all his children, of his father's work as a painter. He still retains, he says, a sense of wonder about his success and the infinite riches it has brought him.

"When I started out, I did not think of making money," he says. "Money is the report card. Things just grew. It was not laid out with a five-year plan. I just kept doing what I believed in."



Far left: Ralph Lauren in Western-style check cowboy shirt and jeans. Above: *Great Gatsby* dressing; floral silk afternoon dress from £285, men's striped and plain Polo shirts £35, pleat-front linen trousers £91. Left: tennis party; white cotton shirts £29, cotton Oxford bags £61, plimsoll shoes £40, Navy blazer £310, striped club de £26. All from the Ralph Lauren image-making campaign. Below left: London shop vignette; cotton gabardine jacket £105, shirts, sweaters, shoes, with old school photograph. All clothes from Polo/Ralph Lauren, 143 New Bond Street, London W1. Fashion photographs by BRUCE WEBER

FASHION EDITOR'S COMMENT

Design for sales

I read last week two different views about British fashion design. One was presented with a sense of drama, in glossy colour and with bold pictures in a magazine that bills itself as a "world-wide manual of style". The other is contained in clerical red covers and set out in rigidly coded paragraphs.

The revelations and revolutionary ideas were all in the formal report. The marketing of British fashion through exhibitions and shows is discussed in "The UK Fashion Designer Scene" — a report for the Department of Trade and Industry by John Wilson, Director of the British Clothing Industry Association. It should be required reading for those designers still stitching up wounds from the last London Fashion Week in March. That concentrated on the performance of models on the catwalk rather than selling clothes at the exhibition.

The idea that continental designers grow rich on state subsidies is scotched in the government report. The key financial factor in France and Italy is that fashion exhibition organizers are obliged by law to plough back profits into the marketing of fashion. In Britain, exhibitions are run by organizers who have mostly done a good job at getting together a fragmented industry. The organizers keep the profits, but in turn have been helpful (and sometimes indulgent) towards young designers, who stimu-

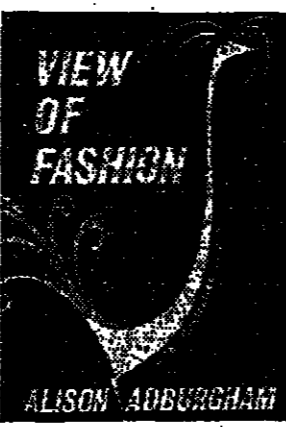
late press and buyer interest even though they are not making money. In February, *J. D. Magazine* ran an interesting piece on the difficulties British designers face in getting their clothes inside up.

This month's sequel, which comes after the unhappy March shows, is an attack on the fashion press for failing to report and promote "creative" fashion talent. It is the age-old theme that if you don't like the message you blame the messenger. It is true that the outrageous street-wise designs that put London fashion on a roll three years ago now seem less exciting to the world's fashion press. Yet it is nonsense to stress, in the words of *J. D.*, that "Foreign buyers are unwilling to commit themselves to a designer because of astoundingly negative press". The bitter truth for those who make uncompromisingly odd clothes is that such garments do not sell at retail. This is overwhelming the message from retailers who sit in on meetings of the Press Committee of the British Fashion Council.

True creativity is the life-blood of the industry. But fashion cannot be so-called until people are wearing the clothes. *The UK Fashion Designer Scene by John R. Wilson costs £3 post-free from the Department of Trade and Industry HQ, Library Room 144, Sanctuary Buildings, 16-20 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3DB.

Books that are always in style

Fashion books may be said to have reached an all-time low with the publication of those slim but tasteless volumes, the Princess Diana dressing doll books. As if cardboard figures of the Princess and Princess of Wales in underwear were not enough, some even include among the accessories the royal nursery chamber-pot. But all this is not to say that in a hundred years' time fashion collectors will not be potty about the likes of the crudely illustrated *The Princess Diana Fashion Collection Dressing Book* (World International Publishing, 99p). A better place to begin, however, would be *An Intro-*



Bon Ton are seen in historical context. In terms of hard cash, Ackermann's *The Repository of Arts* (40 volumes of magazines dated 1809-1828) sold for £17,280 at Christie's in 1984. To be realistic, though, many collections consist of

reasonably priced books of recent vintage. At £4.95 each, the "In Vogue" series can draw upon 70 years of stylish photographs for illustration. Such books as *The Language of Clothes* by Alison Lurie are a good read for anyone interested in dress. A typical collector might be a student of art or fashion who happens to be mad about one particular decade. If this were the 1960s, then he or she might pick up a paperback like *Quant by Quant* or *Twiggy by Twiggy* for 10p at a charity bookstall. At second-hand bookshops a hardback such as *Balmain. My Years and Seasons* might be acquired for £1. Museums are another good source of cheap worthwhile items. Exhibition catalogues should be kept because they are often unfringed and hard to trace later. The interest value of *Van Dyck in Check Trou-*

sers and Parade has already outweighed the Edinburgh Festival exhibitions they were designed to accompany. Are glossy coffee table books such as *Yves Saint Laurent* (Thames and Hudson, £30) and *Hors* (Viking Books, £40) just a bit of conceit, or worth the considerable outlay? Madeleine Ginsburg thinks they are excellent, as they add to the visual knowledge of the person with an emotional approach to the subject. Theoretical books such as Quentin Bell's *Of Human Finery*, the recently translated *The Fashion System* by Roland Barthes and Peter York's *Style Wars* rely on text rather than lavish illustration. And look out for anything written by the late James Laver of the V&A who did more than anyone to popularize the

study of fashion through his writing. Before long, any collector of fashion books, magazines or ephemera is likely to find herself with at least one item from France. In 1984 an amusing book introduced readers to such sub-cultures as *La Punkette* and *Le New Wave Funky. Les Mouvements de Mode Expliqués aux Parents* costs about £10 to order from bookshops with a French department. Older and more expensive books at Sotheby's and Christie's often have the word "Lipperheide" or "Colas" included in their descriptions. These are the names of libraries. For example, any book with a Lipperheide number is listed in the catalogue of that library in Berlin. This does not guarantee any particular qual-



ity, but does lend a certain importance. Incidentally, the Lipperheide and Colas catalogues, reprinted in 1963 in limited editions, are highly desirable in themselves. Meanwhile, back at your local bookshop are the fashion books, probably sandwiched

BOOKS: R. D. Franks, Market Place, Oxford Circus, London W1 specializes in fashion books and magazines. Foyle's, 119-125 Charing Cross Road, London WC2 has a good selection of fashion books. Stanley & McKay, 263 Kings Road, London SW3 has a "style and gender" section. MAGAZINES: The Vintage Magazine Shop, 39-41 Brewer Street, London W1 stocks back numbers of magazines. EPHEMERA: Ephemera Society, 12 Fitzroy Square, London W1 holds bazaars regularly between art and craft. They might be on anything from military uniform to theatrical costume. New titles are appearing all the time: it looks as if the fashion book will never be out of style. Anne Cowan

COURT AND SOCIAL

SOCIAL NEWS

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A wave from the Queen at Versailles, Kentucky, where she has been visiting thoroughbred stud farms.

Milan's art dealers display their best

From Geraldine Norman Milan For every legitimate art dealer in Italy there are four clandestine, part-time dealers working outside the law...

OBITUARY MR CHESTER BOWLES

Ambassador for America in the developing nations

Mr Chester Bowles, twice United States Ambassador to India during a long and remarkably versatile career in public service, died on May 25, aged 85.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr N.E. Cheese and Miss H. Probert The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Dr and Mrs J.A. Cheese...

Marriages

Mr B.E.S. Cadbury and Miss K.M. Harrison-Hall The marriage took place on Saturday, May 17, at St Peter's Church, Barford...

Bloxxham School

The following awards are announced: For boys aged 13: Raymond Schreyer, POP Miller...

Royal Navy entrance

The following candidates entered Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, on April 30: DIRECT GRADUATE ENTRY...

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Coopers' Company

Coborn Educational Foundation As part of its 450th anniversary celebration the Coopers' Company and Coborn Educational Foundation are holding a dinner...

Exeter School

Exeter School has made the following entrance scholarships available: Public Schools Scholarships...

Rugby School

The following entrance scholarships have been awarded: The following entrance scholarships have been awarded...

City of London Solicitors' Company

The following have been elected officers of the City of London Solicitors' Company for the ensuing year...

Westminster School

Mr F.A. (The Hall) has been awarded an honorary scholarship to Westminster School.

Smolski leads bridge field

The English international bridge player, Roman Smolski, playing with Henry Betho, of the United States, who has been sent here by his company on a tour of duty...

Births, Deaths and In Memoriam

STRANGE On May 24th at Jersey Maternity Hospital, to Julie and Ian, a daughter, Lara Rosemary Sarah, a sister for Charlotte.

Science report

Biological clue to family murders From a Special Correspondent females are equally often culprits.

MAJOR GENERAL R. W. MADOC

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DEATHS

ABRAMS On May 24th at 11.45 AM, Mrs. Elizabeth Ann, nee Williams, aged 89 years, of 12, St. John's Street, London E1.

IN MEMORIAM

McCarthy Kathleen F.R.N. 27th 1903. I see in gradual vision through my tears the face I loved for years, when first those earnest eyes with mine were crossed and love called Rose, Joseph Lloyd.

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THE ARTS

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Television Realism

Putting people on television is a process of persuading them to fake their own natural behaviour.

Open the Box (Channel 4) revealed that on the riotous game show The Price is Right this was accomplished by playing the audience "Land of Hope and Glory" followed by old-fashioned disco music.

This was the second in a valuable and intelligent new series which explores the dynamics of television. It demonstrated convincingly the various techniques which television professionals can use to extract the desired semblance of normality.

John Percival, a former Man Alive reporter, recalled the notorious days when the programme's slogan was "make 'em cry", and the producers deliberately encouraged their interviewees to weep for the camera.

It would have been fascinating to contrast the reconstructed realism of western television with the genuine responses to cameras which can still be recorded at outposts of the global village.

Acting naturally as far as Britain's designated astronauts are concerned means remaining calm and unemotional at all times. Inevitably, after the Dream (Channel 4), a documentary about the British space programme after the NASA disaster, was thus short on histrionics.

Celia Brayfield

Galleries Dazzling draughts

Florentine Drawings of the Sixteenth Century British Museum

Wilhelm Hensel: 19th Century Society Portraits Goethe Institute

Softs and Hards Gallery Lingard

Obedient, no doubt, to the old injunction, "If you've got it, flaunt it!" the British Museum's Department of Prints and Drawings kicks off its major new exhibition Florentine Drawings of the Sixteenth Century (until August 17) with a section devoted entirely to Leonardo, Michelangelo and Raphael.

At least, we take it for granted that this is a dazzling show. But it is worth remembering that up to the 18th century at least it would

mostly have seemed a sorry thing of shreds and patches, consisting of material hardly worth anyone's trouble to gather up from the studio waste-paper baskets. The taste for master drawings, especially of the sketchy variety chiefly represented here, is a relatively modern fancy, especially if they are regarded as art-works in themselves rather than just adornments to a cabinet of curiosities.

And then, hardly less fascinating, there are drawings for other, more immediately practical purposes. Technical drawings like Cigoli's of Two Men Operating an Optical Device, or detailed blueprints like Bronzino's Design for a Tapestry Border and Cellini's Study for the Seal of the Accademia del Disegno.

were designed for translation (with a minimum amount of change) into prints. There is evidence that Fra Bartolomeo made drawings of pure landscape - he was one of the first to do so - just for his own pleasure rather than as preparation for anything else. And then there are those drawings which, though apparently meant to explore an idea for some work in another medium, clearly have taken on, perhaps involuntarily, a life of their own under the artist's hand, so that often, as with the astonishingly complex group of elders, women and children attributed to Bronzino, we can no longer feel sure we know even what the eventual medium might be.



Hensel's elegant portrait of Giulia Grisi (left) and Michelangelo's elaborate profile "Ideal Head of a Woman"



There is no doubt that the drawings of Wilhelm Hensel were meant to stand on their own: his greatest and most lasting fame was as an enormously productive purveyor of portraits in pencil to the famous, the rich and the grand between 1820 and 1860. The Nationalgalerie in Berlin alone has more than a thousand of them.

means a towering genius, but certainly a highly competent draughtsman with a nice (if presumably flattering) sense of character and radiating an almost palpable feeling of his period.

John Russell Taylor

Lontano Bath Guildhall

The opening weekend of the Bath Festival brought right away a parade of this year's French theme, with music ranging all the way from Peter Abelard to Pierre Boulez.

As Tom Wolfe observed in his study of astronauts, The Right Stuff, aerospace-like cool is the approved style, and it makes for very dull television.

Celia Brayfield

agile virtuosity while remaining throughout a member of the team, fitting herself in volume and colour into what is still essentially chamber music for strings.

The only non-French item on the programme was And still a softer morning for flute, vibraphone, harp and cello by Mark-Anthony Turnage. He is the featured composer this year - featured to the extent of having nearly all his non-orchestral output performed - and there will be more ambitious pieces to be noted later.

Paul Griffiths

Murray Perahia Festival Hall

Chopin was not originally scheduled for this recital, but I heard no complaints when Murray Perahia devoted the entire second half to the composer.

Concerts

Everything this pianist does is graceful, but there was particular elegance about his faltering of the Ballade's prophetic phrases and his incoherent introduction of the lilting main theme over the gentlest of accompaniments.

Richard Morrison

RPO/Temirkanov Festival Hall

That he is fully aware of this special gift was apparent, too, from his choice of encores: Mendelssohn's Rondo Capriccioso and Schubert's celebrated A flat Impromptu.

exposition. Here, as throughout the whole work, every phrase was attentively shaped in the expansive manner that Temirkanov and soloist Garick Ohlsson had obviously evolved between them.

He had perhaps used Beethoven's Sonata Op 31 No 3 to warm up; the passage work was not quite exemplary. But Berg's Sonata, Op 1, was delivered in a veiled timbre that will long haunt the memory.

Richard Morrison

RPO/Temirkanov Festival Hall

Usually the first bars of a performance give an accurate pointer towards what follows; if the opening gestures are off-beam, the rest are likely to be as well.

Rock

Laurie Anderson Hammersmith Odeon

Halfway through her show, Laurie Anderson related a conversation with a Dutch astronaut, who believed that technology is a new parasitical life-form, with its own instinctive intelligence, that is gradually taking over its host body.

Malcolm Hayes

David Sinclair

And often beautifully executed images and slogans flickered on a screen at the back of the stage and a wired up "drum suit" enabled Anderson to turn into a sort of human firecracker for one sequence.

David Sinclair

But although an imaginatively constructed and precisely realized piece of "art", the show itself fell victim to its own sense of microchip impersonality, leaving an impression of a poor return gained for the effort of concentration demanded.

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Theatre Divisions The third week of Glasgow's Mayfest brought a welcome surprise in the shape of Oldham Coliseum Theatre Company (Mitchell Theatre, probably transferring to the Tron, Glasgow, from June 10). A late addition to the programme, their Kiss of the Spiderwoman was mounted late at night and it says much for the compelling quality of Paul Elkens' production that they held their audience until long after midnight.

Theatre Voice of Belfast from the Charabanc Theatre Company Finally, Pocket Opera from Neuburg returned to Mayfest this year (Tron Theatre). Two years ago they presented a marvellously absurd spoof mini-version of Lucrezia Borgia, this year's La Gioconda didn't strike quite the same gold.

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Pretoria Bill to strengthen hold on unrest

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The South African Government is preparing to railroad through Parliament in Cape Town draconian legislation which would give the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange, the equivalent of martial law powers in any part of the country he deems to be an "unrest area".

The proposed law, an amendment to the Public Safety Act of 1953 and entitled the Public Safety Amendment Bill, has already had its first reading and been approved by a joint standing committee of the separate white, Indian and Coloured (mixed-race) houses of the tricameral Parliament.

Battling saviour of a blazing tanker

An RAF helicopter crewman, who risked his life to rescue 32 sailors from a blazing tanker during a gale, was awarded the Air Force Cross yesterday.

The citation for his medal, the highest peacetime award given by the RAF for bravery, reads: "His brave and selfless conduct was in the highest traditions of the Royal Air Force."

Master Air Loadmaster Melwyn Ward, aged 45, of Smallburgh, near Norwich, volunteered to be winched onto the deck of the stricken Greek tanker Orleans during an hour-long rescue on January 24, 65 miles north east of Great Yarmouth.

In spite of the danger of the tanker exploding and the difficulty of communicating with the foreign crew, Mr Ward, using sign language, got four sailors winched on board the hovering Sea King helicopter.

Mr Ward inflated a life raft and lowered it into the water, but it landed upside down. The wind was blowing at 70 knots, there was a snowstorm and 30-foot waves. I dived 80 feet into the water to right the raft and told the crew to follow in twos.

But heavy seas swept the helicopter crewman against the side of the ship and he was dragged underneath the stern of the tanker towards the propellers by the current.

Mr Ward, who has served in the RAF for 19 years, swam clear and was rescued by the Sea King. He then volunteered to return to the ship to save the survivors.

But when he attempted to winch two men to the helicopter the cable caught in the rigging and snapped. The Sea King had to abandon the rescue and head for an oil rig. Fortunately for the men left on deck, the flames subsided and they managed to reach one of the life boats and escape.



Man with a mission: Master Air Loadmaster Melwyn Ward with a Sea King yesterday. (Photograph: John Manning).



Below, the blazing Greek tanker Orleans, photographed by Melwyn Ward from his helicopter.

Call for computer record of crime

Continued from page 1

then calls the PNC through his VDU by a network of private telephone lines to answer the questions.

At the moment police officers using the PNC can only discover whether someone has got a conviction for a serious or recorded offence. The PNC will also record individuals who are not convicted but are awaiting trial.

The actual record is held on microfiche by the National Identification Bureau at Scotland Yard and a copy has to be sent off by post.

Non-recordable offences and cautions are kept by local forces. Recordable offences are those which were indictable offences before the Criminal Law Act in 1977 and excludes offences such as drunkenness.

There are regional and local force collections of records which would include both minor and major offences and the strategy paper points out "there is a very strong case for the replacing the present uncoordinated mix of central and local facilities by a unified national, computerized records bureau."

Later this year the Home Office is to evaluate a report looking at the possibility of an automatic fingerprint recognition system.

Looking at the collection of criminal intelligence the strategy paper notes because there is duplication between criminal records and intelligence, "the integration of the handling of intelligence with records information and the utilization of the same information technology infrastructure would clearly represent the most cost-effective use of public resources."

The police officers association is looking at police intelligence work and the paper makes no recommendations but urges: "Those charged with preparing the specification for the central records facility to keep in close touch with the ACPO study so that they can ensure that, where appropriate, the new records facility can also meet at least some of the intelligence requirements."

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events
Royal engagements
The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, opens "Mr Thorburn's" Edwardian Countryside".

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,056
1 Across
Alcohol is the animating principle (6).

Down
Tree used in carpentry (5).
Looking back to Solomon's Concise crossword page 10

TV top ten

- National top ten television programmes in the week ending May 18:
1 EastEnders (Thurs/Sat), 20.15m

Anniversaries

Births: Sir Henry Parkes, Australian statesman, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, 1815; Amelia Bloomer, campaigner for women's rights, Homer, New York, 1818; Arnold Bennett, Hanley, Staffordshire, 1871; George Russell, painter, Paris, 1871; Isadora Duncan, San Francisco, 1877; Sir John Cockcroft, physicist, Nobel laureate, 1951, Todmorden, Yorkshire, 1897.

The pound

Table with columns for Bank, Buys, and Sells, listing exchange rates for various countries like Australia, Austria, Belgium, etc.

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High Tides

Table listing high tide times and heights for various locations including London Bridge, Abernethy, Abermouth, etc.

Around Britain

Table showing weather conditions (Sun, Rain, Max, Min) for various regions like East Coast, South Coast, and West Coast.

Abroad

Table showing weather conditions for various international locations like Adelaide, Algiers, Almeria, etc.

Advertisement for 'Call for computer record of crime' and other services, including 'BOARD MEETING'.

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USM REVIEW

Cloud over market as more firms opt for full listing

The future of the USM is in disarray. The popularity of the secondary market over the past two or three years has depended on small companies...

The most recent blow to the USM has been the Treasury decision to exclude USM companies from the tax relief available under the Personal Equity Plan...

Brokers have been increasingly less prepared to finance USM flotations as a loss leader, and costs for companies have risen to such an extent...

COMPANY NEWS

LYDENBURG PLATINUM: Half-year to April 30, 1986. Interim dividend 40 cents (27.5 cents). Pretax net income R5.96 million (£1.74 million)...

GREAT WESTERN RESOURCES: Half-year to March 31, 1986. Pretax income \$1.66 million (£1.11 million) against \$1.54 million. Earnings per share 3.3 cents (6.5 cents) based on 20 million shares in issue...

WIM MORRISON SUPERMARKETS: The annual meeting was held at sales for the first quarter of the current year were showing an increase of above 13 per cent which, allowing for inflation, continues to reflect reasonable volume gains...

London to sample first taste of Japanese grill

The first of what is claimed to be Britain's first chain of Japanese theme restaurants, based on Teppanyaki, or steel grill cooking, is due to open this summer in London...



Rocky Aoki: Japanese wrestler turned restaurateur

Mr Rocky Aoki, a 48-year-old Japanese former Olympic wrestler who moved to the United States in 1960 but still holds a Japanese passport, says he is a dollar-millionaire since building his chain of Benihana family restaurants...

He plans to establish at least three London outlets. The first will open in August at Swiss Cottage and will accommodate 112 customers distributed among 14 chef stations at which Japanese chefs will prepare and cook food in a culinary entertainment described as "theatre at the table"...

Menus are based on those adapted for American tastes with ingredients like steak, chicken, prawn, scallops and lobster tails. Mr Aoki will feature more meat dishes in Britain because he believes Britons are less keen on fish...

APPOINTMENTS

Also: Stevens: Mr William Holt has joined the partnership. IDC Group: Mr L P Whitting will take over as chief executive on June 16. Mr Jim Brown is made deputy chief executive. Mr Richard Chamberlayne, Dr Roger Downham and Mr Michael Stanton are appointed directors...

More appointments on page 21

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table with columns: Capitalization, Company, Price, Change, Gross Div, Div Yield, P/E. Lists various investment trusts like 187.1st Growth Oriented, 214.8th Growth Oriented, etc.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Table with columns: Capitalization, Company, Price, Change, Gross Div, Div Yield, P/E. Lists unlisted securities like 7.800.000 A & M Co, 4.871.000 AYS Selection, etc.

BCC announces that from 27th May, 1986 its base rate is changed from 10 1/2% to 10%. Includes BCC logo and contact information for Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

Clydesdale Bank PLC announces that with effect from 27th May 1986 its Base Rate for lending is being reduced from 10 1/2% to 10% per annum. Includes Clydesdale Bank PLC logo.

Plessey achieves £170 million pre-tax profits. 1985-86 Preliminary results. An extract from The Plessey Company's unaudited consolidated results. Table showing Turnover (1,461,055 vs 1,415,741), Operating profit (162,467 vs 143,265), Profit before taxation (170,174 vs 163,655), Profit before extraordinary items (99,491 vs 93,544), Earnings per share (13.49p vs 12.70p).

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Queen's Bench Division

Law Report May 27 1986

Collision inquiry verdict not final

The European Gateway
Before Mr Justice Steyn
(Judgment given May 21)

The findings of a court of formal investigation inquiring into a collision between two vessels did not create an issue estoppel in a subsequent Admiralty action between the owners of the vessels. Nor was it an abuse of the process of the court or contrary to public policy to attempt to re-litigate such findings.

Mr Justice Steyn in the Queen's Bench Division accordingly gave judgment in favour of the plaintiffs, the owners of the Speedlink Vanguard, on a preliminary issue in their Admiralty action against the defendants, the owners of the European Gateway.

Mr John Whitmer, QC and Mr Simon Clarke, QC and Mr Nigel Teare for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE STEYN said that both vessels were engaged in a cross-channel ferry service. On the night of December 19, 1982, the European Gateway collided with the Speedlink Vanguard in shallow water as they approached to Harwich, causing a breach in the European Gateway's starboard side.

Within 10 minutes, the European Gateway was lying on her starboard side with her port side clear of the water. Two passengers and four crew members lost their lives.

After a preliminary inquiry, the Secretary of State for Transport gave directions under section 466 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 that a formal investigation be held into the collision by a wreck commissioner.

The commissioner appointed, Mr Nicholas Phillips, QC, was assisted by four assessors with nautical, engineering and other relevant experience. The court, to whose investigations the Shipping Casualties and Appeals and Re-hearing Rules (SI 1923 No 752(L9)) applied, had all the powers of a magistrates' court exercising its ordinary jurisdiction.

Apart from the Secretary of State for Transport, the owners of the vessels, their masters and cargo interests became parties to the proceedings.

All parties were represented by counsel and solicitors throughout the hearing, which occupied 35 days between November 1983 and March 1984.

Although counsel for the secretary of state had the general duty of superintending the management of the case, acting *pro bono publico*, separate counsel was instructed to appear on behalf of the secretary of state since the owners of the Speedlink Vanguard wished to raise criticisms of the department.

The first purpose of the investigation was to answer the questions: "Why did the collision occur?" and "Why did the European Gateway capsize so rapidly?"

The second purpose was "to consider what lessons for the future can be learnt from the casualty."

The final, and subsidiary purpose was "to consider whether the loss of the European Gateway and the consequent loss of life were caused by the wrongful act or default of any persons."

The owners of the Speedlink Vanguard succeeded in satisfying the court of formal investigation that the predominant blame for the collision was that of Captain McGibney, the Master of the European Gateway.

The plaintiffs commenced a collateral action against the defendants. Although the writ was served before the investigation began, the statement of claim was not served until the court of formal investigation had reported its findings.

In that pleading the plaintiffs squarely based their case on the court's findings.

The defendants denied all liability and asked for judgment in their favour on their counterclaim. The denials and averments in the defence and counterclaim were at variance with the court's findings.

The plaintiffs replied, *inter alia*, that the defendants were precluded by the doctrine of issue estoppel from re-opening the findings of the investigation.

The plaintiffs subsequently commenced a limitation action against the defendants in which issue estoppel was again raised.

The requirements of issue estoppel *per rem judicatum*, with which the present court was concerned, were stated by Lord Brandon in *The Sennar* (No 2) (1985) 1 WLR 490.

The real issue in the present case was whether Lord Brandon's first requirement that the judgment in the earlier action had to be of a court of competent jurisdiction had been established.

It was conceded that the court of formal investigation was competent with regard to the question whether the certificate of a master or certificated officer should be suspended or cancelled.

Was the court of formal investigation a court of competent jurisdiction as between contending owners in relation to findings of fact sought to be relied on?

Ultimately, the question whether there was, or could be, an issue estoppel in the present case depended on the function of the court of formal investigation, as between contending owners in relation to findings of fact sought to be relied on.

What did the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 and the 1923 Rules provide in relation to the determination of civil liability between contending shipowners?

Section 466 of the 1894 Act prescribed the procedure to be adopted at a wreck inquiry only in the broadest outline. The court could censure or admonish a master or certificated officer, but no sanctions could be imposed on a shipowner who was personally or vicariously liable, other than by an order for costs. Section 466 did not provide for the trying of questions as to civil liability between shipowners.

Prima facie therefore, apart from its disciplinary function, the functions of a court of formal investigation were entirely investigatory.

Under the 1923 Rules, while the court was not confined to answering those questions stated in the notice of investigation, it could only answer and was required to answer, such questions as the secretary of state deemed it fit to ask.

What could be inferred from the general tenor of section 466 was made explicit by the 1923 Rules: there was no *lis* between contending shipowners. *Prima facie* that factor militated cogently against the submission that the court of formal investigation was acting as a court of competent jurisdiction between contending shipowners.

The right of an affected owner to appeal to the High Court against the findings of a court of formal investigation under section 66 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1906, did not alter his Lordship's view that there was no *lis* between the contending shipowners, and that the function of the court of formal investigation did not extend to pronouncing on the civil liability of those parties.

Sections 482(1) and, more importantly, 475 of the 1894 Act also lent support to the view that the findings were not intended to be conclusive.

Furthermore, there were features of the procedure under the 1923 Rules which were very different from the procedure adopted in civil proceedings.

Regarded cumulatively, those differences tended to support the conclusion that apart from its limited disciplinary function, the court of formal investigation fulfilled a purely investigatory function: see rules 6, 12 and 13.

To hold that the findings of fact were conclusive as between contending owners would have a detrimental effect on the effective functioning of investigations. It would lead to a shift from safety at sea to the determination of civil liability as the major purpose of the inquiry.

For those reasons no issue estoppel arose.

His Lordship repeated and endorsed the recommendation of Mr Justice Devlin in *Waddle v Walsend Shipping Co Ltd* ([1952] 2 Lloyd's Rep 105, 131) that the report of a wreck inquiry is made available to any court which had to determine the cause of the loss.

A statutory provision was needed enabling the judge hearing the collision or limitation action to make such evidence use of the report as a whole as he thought fit.

Solicitors: Ingledew Botterell Roche & Pybus, Newcastle upon Tyne; Norton Rose Botterell & Roche.

Satisfying requirement of notice

Sage v Townsend
Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Mann
(Judgment given May 16)

The requirement in section 179(2)(c) of the Road Traffic Act 1972 that a defendant be served with a notice of the intended prosecution within 14 days was satisfied where a defendant was charged within 14 days and was given a copy of the notice of the charge.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when allowing the prosecutor's appeal by way of case stated from the decision of Wallington Justices that the prosecutor had failed to show that he had complied with section 179.

Mr David Farrington for the prosecutor; Mr Geoffrey Mott for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE MANN said that the defendant wished to take the point that section 179 had not been complied with. He had to satisfy the justices that that was the case.

It was plain that at the time of the offence, there was no warning that the question of prosecuting the defendant would be taken into consideration.

The words "at the time the offence was committed" in section 179(2)(a) could not mean literally what they appeared to say. There was a degree of elasticity. The period must depend on the circumstances.

So far as section 179(2)(c) was concerned had the defendant been given a notice of the charge, the giving of the copy satisfied the requirement that a notice of intended prosecution be served within 14 days.

The difficulty was that no evidence was called one way or the other. The onus was on the defendant and so the appeal must be allowed but the matter would not be remitted to the justices.

Lord Justice Watkins delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Metropolitan Police; Eatons, Streatham.

GILT-EDGED
Politics hold threat to falling yields

Following its nervous start to the year, the gilt-edged market was exceptionally buoyant between the end of January and the middle of April.

Yields fell sharply, from 11 per cent to a low of 8½ per cent: the total return to domestic investors on gilts during this period, including the capital gain, was no less than 25 per cent. That compares with 20 per cent on United States Treasuries and 10 per cent in West German and Japanese government bonds to their domestic investors.

After such a meteoric rise, a significant setback was not surprising. Gilt-edged yields have risen by half a percentage point since mid-April, while US Treasury yields have risen even more. The key question is whether this development is merely a long-overdue technical reaction or the beginning of a sustained bearish period. For the UK there certainly are some bearish domestic factors that have become more prominent. They are, however, political rather than economic in nature.

UK factors

The economic upswing in Britain began five years ago. Lower oil prices and falling inflation should ensure that it continues for another year, albeit at a somewhat slower pace. Historically in the UK, bull bond markets have come to an end within two years of the start of an economic recovery. But the current recovery is highly unusual. Not only has fiscal stimulation been much less than usual but the recovery followed the steepest recession since the Second World War. The combined demand for finance from the public and corporate sectors remains extremely low.

The failure of unemployment to fall, however, is increasing the political pressures on the Government for expansionary action. Even so, the slippage in fiscal policy is unlikely to be sufficient to change dramatically the balance between the domestic demand and supply of funds. Last week's cut in banks' base rates, evidently prompted by the authorities, is clearly consistent with money GDP, particularly real growth, undershooting its target.

Broad monetary growth in Britain has accelerated in recent months and is now over 15 per cent, 12 per cent in real terms. This need not be adverse for financial markets in the short term, assuming that the authorities do not take action to correct it by pushing up interest rates. The broader measures of money include many balances which in different circumstances would be held in other savings media and would not be included in the definitions of money. The authorities' lack of response is, therefore, the correct policy at present, and is confirmed by the sluggish growth of M0 and other very narrow measures of money.

Excessive broad monetary growth is only a potential, not a current, problem. It is most likely to become an actual problem only after further falls in short-term interest rates, when funds held in sterling M3 and other measures of liquidity are more likely to be spent either in the UK or abroad.

Either pattern would raise inflation, but the fall in short-term rates would be beneficial to the gilt-edged market while it was occurring.

Published annual retail price inflation, currently 3 per cent, is now expected to dip below 2½ per cent in the middle of this year and to rise thereafter. Real interest rates, both short-term and on long gilt-edged stocks, nevertheless remain historically very high. Even if inflation returns to an underlying 4 per cent in 1987, real yields on long-dated gilt-edged stocks would still be 5 per cent on today's nominal yields, which is high by international standards. This point is perhaps the strongest single bull point for the gilt-edged market.

There is, however, one black spot on the horizon. UK earnings growth and, therefore, unit wage costs continue to be much higher than those abroad. As long as this persists, Britain will not enjoy to the same extent the lower inflationary trends from the fall in oil prices.

One potential positive factor for the gilt-edged market is the possibility of sterling's entry into the European Monetary System. If the UK enters at an exchange rate which appears defensible, the relatively high nominal bond yields in the UK are likely to attract substantial overseas investors. However, EMS membership is still probably some way from becoming reality due to the Prime Minister's reported strong opposition to entry.

On balance, there are no strong domestic economic factors to prevent gilt-edged yields falling back below their lows of mid-April. There is, however, one important negative factor — the political uncertainty ahead of the general election in 1987 or 1988, which will undoubtedly increase nervousness, especially of overseas investors, as it approaches.

Influences

In the month since the Libyan crisis spot oil prices have rebounded by \$5 to over \$15 a barrel. This underlines the fact that current published inflation figures are below the underlying trends in many countries. Despite the kick-up in oil prices, lower inflation will boost economic activity and strengthen cyclical economic recoveries in many countries.

The buoyant first quarter real GNP figures for the US are unlikely to be due mainly to falling oil prices. These, together with the lower dollar, will have their main impact towards the end of this year, as will buoyant monetary growth. Unless the dollar moves into freefall, however, the US authorities will not want a significant rise in interest rates there. Two special reasons for this are the continuing fragility of many financial institutions there and the clearly stated preference of the US Treasury for further concerted international action to get interest rates down.

The continuing financial imbalance in the US, reflecting the balance of trade deficit, the budget deficit and demands for business finance, make it difficult for America to initiate another round in this process and set off a further leg in the worldwide bull market in bonds.

This does not mean that a further leg cannot occur. US bond market movements have been closely tracked by the gilt-edged and other international bond markets in the first five months this year. Over the last 2½, however, the yield differential between long-dated gilt-edged stocks and long US Treasury bonds has moved sharply.

In summary, there is plenty of room for gilt-edged yields to move modestly below the low in yields of mid-April. This is so even if US yields do not fall. However, this can only be for as long as politics do not begin to dominate investors' perceptions of the UK.

Robert Thomas
The author is director of economic research, sterling bonds, at stockbroker Greenwell Montague

APPOINTMENTS

Building Employers Confederation: Mr Leslie Sallabank has been elected chairman of the National Contractors' Group.

Johnson Wax: Mr Richard E Posey has been appointed managing director. He succeeds Mr Gianni Montezemolo.

Cement-Roadstone Holdings: Mr Gerard Valkier has been made a director.

Export Guarantees Advisory Council: Mr Timothy Sallitt, a director of the Hawker Siddeley Group, has been made a member of the council. He succeeds Mr Norman Scott.

Technical Audit Group: Sir Kenneth Corfield and Mr Solly Gross have been made non-executive directors.

Mr Solly Gross
Alliance Capital Management International: Mr Joseph C Williams has been appointed a director.

Derek Bryant Group: Mr Richard Seymour joins the board and becomes chairman from 1 June. He will also be appointed a director and chairman of the board of Derek Bryant Insurance Brokers.

Imperial Chemical Industries: Mr Herman Scopes has been appointed chairman of the petas division.

Deloitte Haskins & Sells: Mr Nicholas Morris joins as a partner.

Sir Kenneth Corfield
Thorn EMI: Mr Gerald McLay will become a director and general manager, lighting systems division, in July.

Matsushita Electric (UK): Mr Itso Sukezume has succeeded Mr Shunji Matsuzaka as managing director.

Industrial Development Authority of Ireland (IDA): Mr John Gorman has been appointed a director.



Mr Solly Gross



Sir Kenneth Corfield

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1985 Annual Report

Banco di Sicilia is growing further.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM BANCO DI SICILIA ANNUAL REPORT 1985 (in billion Lire)

	1985	1984
Capital and Reserves	1,227.6	1,089.2
Total Loans and Advances	18,011.9	16,779.0
Total Deposits	25,179.9	23,493.2
Total Assets (excluding Contra Accounts)	31,406.9	29,112.6
Net Profit*	20.9	18.6

* After allowing 60 billion Lire for depreciation and 188 billion Lire for provisions.

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COMPUTER HORIZONS/1

The Times/DEC Schneider Competition

Win a flight to New York in Concorde



Claire Robertson, the winner of the second week's competition

This is the fourth of a six week series of competitions in conjunction with DEC (Digital Equipment Company) linked to the DEC Schneider air race...

The winner of the second week's competition was a London dental surgeon, Claire Robertson who works in the community dental service...

Since using a DEC Mate word processor at college, she became aware of the potential of computers in dentistry...

Her winning tie breaker took a rhyming look at the use of networks, and in the judge's opinion was the most creative...

It was "By the swift digital transfer of data, networking decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into."

THE QUESTIONS

- 1. Between the first and last race, engine development was stalling. The 1913 winner had a 160hp engine...



makes computer power all the greater.

This year two Spitfires have entered the event, and will be competing against the Harvard display team...

Miss Robertson will join the other five winners on the Isle of Wight, where they will spend the weekend of the race as guests of DEC...

Prince Andrew, President of the Royal Aero Club, the body responsible for the race organization...

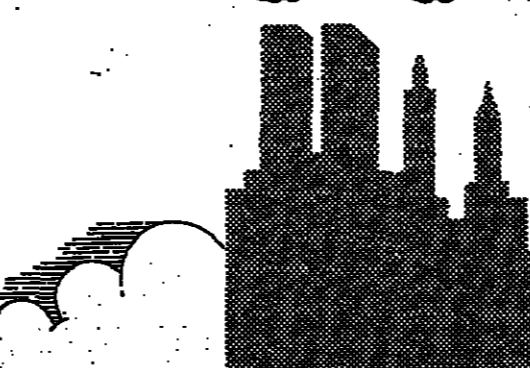
Answers for the third week: 1. 1928, 2. 1024, 3. 4, 4. 1852, 5. 5, 6. 16

The numerical solution is 1083. The winner was Jennifer McParland of Leicester



The Supermarine S.6B: Final winner of the Schneider Trophy, but despite technological advance the method of putting the pilot ashore remained much the same

notation as far back as the Seventeenth century. In which year was he born? 5. The Supermarine S.6B had a higher wing loading than any other winner...



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Gottfried von Leibnitz discovered Binary notation over 300 years ago

TIE BREAKER For this week's tie breaker answer this question in no more than 15 words



Despite a growing air of secrecy, teleconferencing has produced dramatic results for many organisations in the US, including banks, insurance and manufacturing companies.

The office chat show that will run and run

By Graham Bunting

A report from Silicon Valley's Institute for the Future reveals a growing secrecy on the part of companies about the use they are making of teleconferencing.

The author of the report, Robert Johansen, interprets this as an indication that such meetings in which participants do not travel...

This reticence to discuss the details of their applications was particularly strong among American companies that use teleconferencing for sales and marketing applications.

Attractive alternative to executive travel

Using teleconferencing, the programs continued working on a daily basis with the "clients" at the head office.

insurance, banking and even transportation.

The development of the 757 commercial aircraft involved some dramatically successful applications of teleconferencing.

Boeing was able to keep the project well on schedule and, it claims, from suggestions made, save more than a million dollars each time.

Prospective buyers brought to Seattle by the sales people are introduced to supporting engineers and other staff via teleconferencing.

As you might expect, being high-tech people themselves, computer programmers tend to cope well with teleconferencing.

Attractive alternative to executive travel

Given that teleconferencing has been hailed as an alternative to travel, it is surprising to find a leading transport company...

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Why Borland International is a name worth remembering Because Borland International is one of the biggest micro-computer software companies in the world. And because we're the company that brought Sidekick, Reflex The Analyst, Turbo Pascal, Turbo Prolog, Turbo Lightning and 8 other software products from the US to the UK.

COMPUTER BRIEFING according to nuclear physicist Frank Barnaby. He is the author of a new book The Automated Battlefield which examines the effects computer technology, robotics and electronics will soon have on war.

In search of fast facts

By Ian White With more than 3,000 on-line information services around the world, the opportunities for electronically searching for a piece of knowledge have never been greater.

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UK Events

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COMPUTER HORIZONS/2

Researchers link classic stress to VDU work

The health of those working in the computer field was under scrutiny last week and raised more questions than answers.

Two academics from Manchester — Professor Cary Cooper, from the Management Science Department of the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST) and Howard Kahn, from Manchester Polytechnic — have examined the research that has been conducted to date on the subject.

Last week they disclosed some of their findings. The review highlighted blatant gaps in the research conducted to date and that certain illness is still commonplace in the computer world.

One stark omission from the work conducted to date was detail of those who work in the manufacturing arm of the computer business. It is accepted as commonplace now that computer designs must be near perfect and quality control excellent if a product is to have any chance of survival in the market place.

As a consequence the designer works with some degree of isolation from the marketplace, but with the nagging fear that the product could be obsolete before launch because of a competitive design. The designers and engineers are not the only casualties. The marketers who live by commission and know the tight profit margins which exist on computer products are also casualties. Casualties of what? They appear to be potential sufferers of stress.

The two Manchester academics have unearthed the research done on stress related diseases among operators and users of computers — largely VDU operators at various levels of management.

Those stresses have indicated to the researchers that stress may be the primary cause of illness which have been thought to derive from the physical effects of working with the new electronics.

THE WEEK

By Bill Johnstone

Technology correspondent

There is no direct evidence which emerges from the academics' review which isolates certain illnesses as psychosomatic but raises many doubts whether some reported illnesses are stress derived.

The academics review highlighted the plight of the ambitious secretary.

She is now less able to move within a career structure than was the case before the arrival of the computer terminal. Now she is tied to the electronics and at the mercy of bosses who invariably have no knowledge of the computer, but increase her workload each day as they attempt to get more from the machine.

The classic stress symptoms begin to show — bad timekeeping, apathy and

possibly drinking and smoking too much. If unnoticed, the habits can become the foundations of serious diseases — alcoholism and heart trouble.

The Manchester review concludes that those in the manufacturing-marketing arm of the computer business could be equally vulnerable. The personalities of these young high-flying professionals ensures that they are subject to great stress. The nature of the computer industry aggravates that situation.

The researchers believe that these professionals could be prone to serious heart conditions and that the industry must find a way of relieving their tension, principally as the subjects get older. That might be achieved by ensuring that the high-fliers who have reached their late forties or early fifties be taken out of the front line of the computer industry and given a job which generates less pressure.

Because these professionals are Type A people — energetic, ambitious, pushy and invariably smoke and drink too much and eat the wrong food — they are prime candidates for diseases.

There is no evidence to support the Manichaeans hypothesis, but all the indicators culled from previous research suggest them to be right. The computer industry is young as are the people working in it.

If the academics are right then unless these young thrusting professionals take more care of themselves it's probable that only a few will be around to celebrate a mature computer industry.

The best idea in sales is free

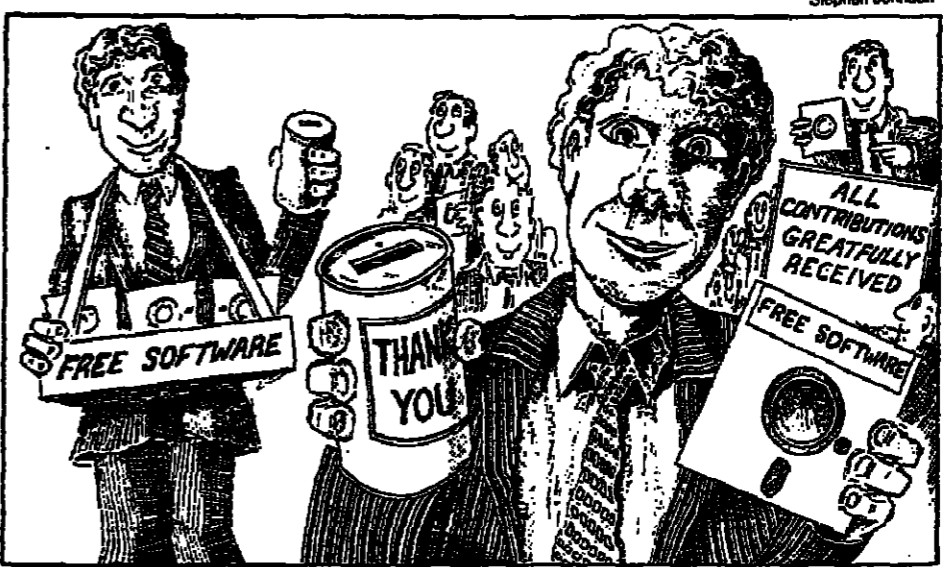
By Chris Naylor

I have discovered a truly great marketing idea for software. You know how hard it can be to break into the software market: how much it costs to advertise, distribute and package. And then, of course, there is the piracy problem.

No sooner do we sell a few copies of our potential world-beater than someone starts to pirate it and before you know it the whole world is using it for free. It is enough to make you weep just to think of the problems.

But my marketing plan steers us clear of all of those problems: we simply give the stuff away to anyone who wants it.

And you can bet your life that we do not need to advertise that we are doing that. Word soon gets around when something's free. Who is going to waste precious minutes illegally copying software that is available for nothing. As for packaging, you do not expect a pretty box for your disc when you're not parting with the folding stuff, do you? Why, within a few years we could be shifting thousands of



copies of our software. The world simply won't know what hit it.

The pedants of course will point out there is no profit. Well, maybe we could ask people nicely if they would like to pay for it. Nothing pushy, you understand. Just if they want to, they can.

Nobody is going to suggest that I'm mad. After all, if a customer really tries to give me money I am not going to say no. Fantastic nonsense — well I am writing this piece using a word-processing package called PC Write, which a nice man called Bob Wallace wrote and just gave away. What's more, he's given away 30,000 copies of it to date and, really, it is very, very good. And he isn't starving — far

from it — in fact he has nearly a dozen staff at his firm Quicksort, all hard at work giving his program away. He must have collected £500,000 or so just because, if you like his package, he asks if you'll send him £48 to register as a user. He reckons that so far 7,000 people had done just that.

The idea's called Shareware and what it means is that anyone can copy PC Write and use it for nothing. It is a full-feature word-processing package which, to my mind, knocks spots off anything else I've seen at prices up to £500. It even comes with a manual so thick it makes the telephone directory look as if people are giving up the phone.

Of course, the manual is on disc so you have to print it off yourself. But you can get around that by sending him your £48 and he'll send you a properly printed one, together with a newsletter and a couple of free updates of PC Write as and when they come along.

Probably, Bob Wallace got the idea itself, free, from Andrew Fluegelman who invented Freeware so that he could give away PC Talk to anyone that wants it. PC Talk is a communications package that enables you to get your PC talking to other PCs. And he just asks for donations, too.

Jim Button is another who has been working hard of late. He's written PC-File, a filing system, and he calls it "user supported software", which supported software? *Continued on page 24*

In pursuit of the trained specialist

By David Guest

There has been a shortage of skilled computer staff for so long in Britain that the problem is losing sharpness in its definition.

Like a household repair that never gets done or an unexplained rattle on a motor car, people have learned to live with it. The extent of the shortage has always been a matter of conjecture, but there is growing reluctance in the computer industry to express it in numbers.

The figure most frequently used, as it has been for the past eight to ten years, is 50,000. But that has lost its shock value, and it does not necessarily help. If the computer industry is 50,000 trained people light, and if 50,000 willing souls could easily be found, a home crowd at Old Trafford perhaps, there would remain the question of which type of job needed them most urgently.

When the overall shortage can be expressed only vaguely, it stands to reason that particular shortages of programmers, systems analysts, data managers, operators, network specialists and 1,001 others can hardly be measured at all.

The scheme will have far reaching effects

It is this aspect of the problem that a training scheme devised by the British Computer Society aims to tackle. The society's Professional Development Scheme (PDS) is, as the name suggests, intended for people who have already selected a career in computing. But the structure of the scheme could have important effects beyond the primary aim of raising professional standards.

"I wouldn't like to put a figure on the shortage," admits BCS professional director Alan Taylor. "PDS won't

in itself necessarily cure any shortages, but it may help to define where those shortages really are, and it might motivate employers to make training more seriously."

It could also help the society to shed its image, an unusual amalgam of elitism and schoolroom chalk dust. The scheme arose, Mr Taylor said, out of the society's sense of responsibility on being granted a Royal Charter two years ago.

It depends on a full definition of job types. For every category of job, standards of achievement are applied to measure the progress of an individual along his or her career path. Since these standards have been devised independently they can form part of the individual's curriculum

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vitae. Employers will no doubt continue to operate their own training schemes, but the means of assessment is intended to be the common denominator.

By defining the jobs and by giving an organization a clear picture of its resources in different areas, PDS could throw up some useful information on specific and overall shortages.

Different levels of attainment are represented by the cyclical nature of the scheme, and the cycles (of six months or a year) should also allow individuals to move from one employer to another or between areas of specialization without penalty. In operation, PDS will be supervised by personnel on the staff of the individual's employer — line managers and training supervisors, for example.

PDS is expected operational soon

"In the past there have been varied groups of job definitions in companies, and they were usually used for salary data collection," says Mr Taylor. "Organizations have their own definitions and they sometimes make reference to standards, but those are rarely qualitative."

PDS has been in operation as a pilot scheme for six months, and is expected to become fully operational in the late summer.

Its success would appear to depend on universal acceptance — organizations involved in the pilot stage include IBM, British Aerospace, the Prudential and several others. Beyond that, it also depends on the society's ability to support it and on the acceptance by industry of the model it employs.

Interested parties such as the Manpower Services Commission, the National Computing Centre and the Engineering Industry Training Board have also made encouraging noises, Mr Taylor said.



Alan Taylor: Defining where the shortages lie

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Clash looms on database front

By Geoff Wheelwright

Big battle plans are afoot in the software industry and it could well be that the next major clash will be on the database front. Databases, long-considered electronic filing cabinets by those with a need to explain them quickly, have been an integral application for personal computers since their inception almost 10 years ago. But they have probably changed in their method of operation to a far lesser extent than financial spreadsheets or word-processing programs. Several software programs have jockeyed for the number one position in the spreadsheet market - with Visicalc, Microsoft Multiplan and Lotus 1-2-3 all at one time topping the charts. Similarly, the word-processing business has included tough competition among users of Wordstar, Microsoft Word, Word Perfect and Multimate. In the database business, however, Ashton-Tate's dBase II and later dBase III and dBase III Plus commands some 60 per cent of the top-end relational database market - a position it has held continuously for five or six years. While other large software houses concentrated mainly on the word-processing, spreadsheet and integrated software markets, the database business - at least on the IBM PC and its look-a-likes - has been left pretty much to Ashton-Tate. But challengers are now on the horizon. Microsoft recently acquired the European rights to the American Rbase 5000 database and are now promoting it heavily in the UK. While in the US Ansa Software company has apparently made healthy inroads into traditional Ashton-Tate territory with its Paradox database. Just how the market is reacting to these new competitors will be of crucial interest to companies like Lotus which must now look at products such as databases if it is to avoid the charge of being a one-product company with Lotus 1-2-3. The Jazz and Symphony integrated software applications for the Apple Macintosh and IBM PC, respectively, have not done as well as Lotus had hoped and it really needs another highly successful application on which to build a long-term future.

Hi-tec pirates still woo buyers

From Adam Kelliber in Hong Kong

A cluttered shop in a Hong Kong arcade hardly looks like a pirate's den. The booth is a mix of high technology and urban decay: benches strewn with innards of dismantled home computers, corners stacked with instruction manuals and walls all plastered with advertisements for the latest and most innovative programs. But the computers are copies of the name-brand originals, the pamphlets are photocopies of official manuals and the software are unauthorized duplications of programs prepared by big-name manufacturers. "I can get you software one month after it's released in the United States," boasts an unabashed software pirate, apparently unperturbed that major American companies are plotting to extinguish shoe-string operations like his. "It is against the law, in the United States but we will label the disk so customs cannot identify it," he reassures leery American customers. It is small wonder that shops like this have sprung up across Asia, for software piracy is as easy as photocopying a document or taping a record. Electronically transferring data from a master disk onto a blank disk using a standard computer dual disk drive takes only 10 seconds, but the act breaches international copyright laws and constitutes theft of intellectual property. Hong Kong's software pirates, many housed in the notorious Golden Arcade, a 50-shop mecca for computer consumers, have established libraries of master disks that are copied and sold for fractions of the prices of authentic software. Computer buyers usually receive free software with their purchase. "This business program," the pirate said of a set of five disks, "would cost \$500 in the US. I can sell it to you for 50 Hong Kong dollars (\$6.50). Shops in the Golden Arcade are doing brisk trade among bargain-hunting tourists but legitimate software manufacturers are not pleased. The U.S. based Intellectual Property Alliance, using fig-



A young man at work in the Golden Arcade computer centre in Hong Kong. He is electronically transferring data from a master disk onto a blank disk. The act takes 10 seconds but violates international copyright laws.

ures backed by the United Nations and the U.S. Trade Department, said it believes \$90 million in Asian business was lost to software pirates in 1985. The estimated losses, calculated by comparing sales penetration with that in piracy-free markets, are \$34 million in Taiwan, \$20 million each in Singapore and South Korea, and \$16 million divided among Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Hong Kong. Seventy customs officers recently raided the Golden Arcade in the Hong Kong Customs and Excise Department's first major action against illicit software duplicators. The raid, which resulted in 17 arrests and the seizure of \$17,000 worth of goods, has been hailed by software manufacturers as the start of a war on the pirates. Lotus Corp., which estimates it loses \$100,000 in Asian sales every month, prompted the government action after seeing duplicates of its programs blatantly peddled in the arcade. Lotus said it views piracy as theft, citing considerable research and royalty costs behind its products. Unchecked piracy, Lotus said, would have detrimental long-term effects on support services and investment in local software industries. "Personally we have no hard feelings against the pirates. But if they keep ripping us off, we must show them it is unlawful and unbusinesslike," said Tony Sena, the general manager of Imaginering, Lotus's Hong Kong distributor. "The Golden Arcade businessmen are caught in a vicious circle of competition, of giving away everything that is not theirs. We don't want to run them out of business but

would like them to make their trade legitimate," he said. But some consumers question the prices for legitimate software and note that pirated programs often are more varied and accessible than the authentic goods. "The prices have been steadily dropping in America, but they haven't dropped comparably in Asia," said Christopher Smith, a former computer magazine editor. "I can buy authentic programs from the States through the mail for two-thirds to one-half the price of what they charge in Hong Kong. And the follow-up service here is sloppy to say the least. It's no wonder they are losing business to the Golden Arcade." "Software houses will have to look at their delivery support claimed and bring their prices into the U.S. price range," said Raymond Chang, the Hong Kong president of the Asia-wide Anti-Software Piracy Association. The pirates are so established in Hong Kong that even schools and respectable businessmen use their goods. Manufacturers said they realize that private software duplication may be an incurable activity. Their main battleground will be educating businesses to be "good corporate citizens." "We have known for the past year who the corporate offenders are," said Sue Ann Hall, Lotus' international associate marketing manager, "but we want them to clean up their act. We will use litigation as a last resort if they don't cooperate." The campaign against the pirates began in Hong Kong because its government adheres to copyright laws. Further raids are planned, with the manufacturers pushing for stiffer sentences. Singapore and Malaysia are the next Asian targets. (UPI)

Getting the words to each other

By Chris Lyne

Gone are the days when computers could be left to a data-processing department and gone are the days of the one-off personal computer buy that initiated the era of management computing. Communications are now the theme in most medium to large organizations and this presents the manager with a fresh set of problems. So compatibility becomes the key as more organizations have clusters of small computer and word-processing networks that must communicate with each other. In a few large organizations such things are all planned from the top down - budgets allocated and entire systems ordered and installed. But in others interest from top management in information technology is slight and knowledge rather less. It is often not seen as a matter of corporate policy and hence the onus of achieving productivity and efficiency through improved information handling is often left to middle management. What are the manager's guidelines? Where are his budgets? The probability is that he will need to spend many hours closeted with sceptical colleagues, colourful brochures and stylish salesmen before he can establish which system will meet his needs. Even then his conclusion can only be tentative because he won't understand half of what he is told. The various experts will probably disagree about a good deal of it anyway. He must then insist on a trial demonstration. This uncertainty is likely to be compounded by financial difficulties. Improvements to information technology are no longer concerned with the odd few thousand pounds for a personal computer, but a minimum of £20,000 to £30,000 upwards for a fully operational cluster system that will talk to other parts of the organization. In these days of tighter financial control in public and private sectors, there will be few middle managers who can spend that sort of money without first arguing a cost justification case through their departmental budgets. This is as it should be, but it will inevitably involve considerable work and delay before the system can be installed. Perhaps here we come to the nub of the problem. In countless offices around the world decisions on new information systems are being taken on a part-time and necessarily amateur basis. The installation of a new system, even one with wide ranging implications, is only rarely viewed as a job in itself. Commonly it will be an add-on, dealt with once more pressing regular duties have been cleared. We are already entering a situation where the capabilities of sophisticated information systems have outrun most people's ability to cope with them. To catch up with information technology we need to improve the commitment of people, their training and demystify the systems. Managers must always make decisions but they can only make sensible decisions about things they understand.



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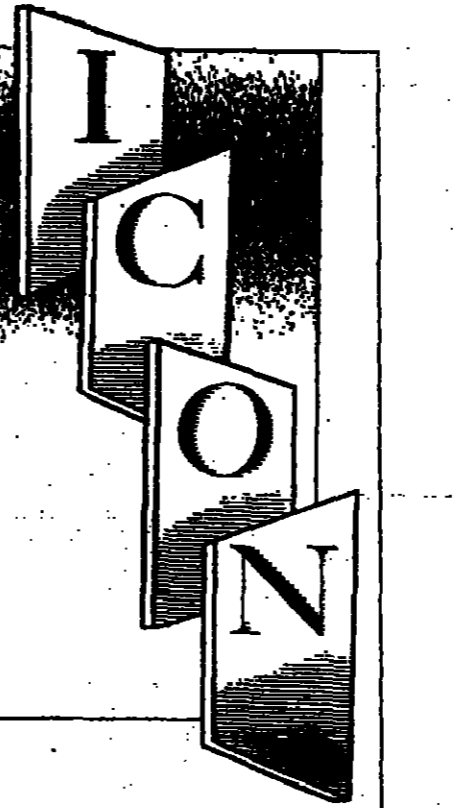
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Henri Leconte set them on the winning road by defeating Anders Jarryd 6-3, 3-6, 6-1... (Main article text)

TENNIS New coach for Sunderland

Sunderland, now known as Reg Vardy Sunderland after completion of a partnership...

with a car distributor, have become the fifth club in the National Basketball League's first division to announce a change of coach since the end of last season... (Main article text)

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GYMNASTICS

Restoring the old aesthetic values

By Peter Aykroyd

Anyone wishing to find out how far gymnastics has developed world-wide during this decade could have done no better than to watch the unique NatWest Gala for Sport Aid exhibition held at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham...

Risk Me's pace should put Sandown rivals in their place

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

At Sandown Park this evening the National Two-year-old Stakes, run over five furlongs, offers an opportunity to watch a handful of the fastest youngsters seen so far this Spring in opposition...

The latter is reputed to be the best of those that Harry Thomson Jones has run — and he has run a few good ones — which helps to explain why he cost \$1,600,000 when he was sold as a yearling in the United States.

In spite of that, I am still happy to go nap on Risk Me to



Risk Me, who is fancied to give Paul Kelleway a National Stakes double.

strength to strengthen this Spring as his form record suggests. But here I much prefer Supreme Leader, just so long as his rider, Philip Robinson, does not overdo the waiting tactics against the way he did at Sandown before that.

This will be Bedtime's first race since he contested the Japan Cup in Tokyo, 18 months ago. Injury kept him off the course all last season.

Cole's yard, Flosee was taken out of a race at Goodwood last Thursday because of the deteriorating state of the ground.

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success, and progress was exemplified last weekend by the sinuous routine to oriental-style music by the talented Camelia Voinea of Romania.

In musical content, the elegant Lilia Ignatieva of Bulgaria, the world's No 2 rhythmic gymnast, performed her balletically sultry routine with a ball to the evocative, unaccompanied voice of a woman folk singer.

YACHTING

Smaller boats come off second best

A south-westerly force six, which blew up to reach gale force and bright sunshine, were the lot of competitors in the fourth of the five-race McEwan Scottish series being contested off Torbay, Devon, yesterday.

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CRICKET
British and Foreign Championship (11 to 5.30 or 6.0, unless stated, 100 overs minimum)

SANDOWN PARK

Going: good

- 6.25 RAILWAY HANDICAP (£2,595; 5f) (15 runners)
6 2000-00 STONEYDALE (D) J Casswell N Callaghan 4-8-8
6 2000-02 BROWN BEAR BOY (USA) (P) Northwood 4-9-7

Sandown selections
By Mandarin
6.25 Brown Bear Boy, 6.55 All is Revealed, 7.25 Supreme Leader, 7.55 Risk Me, 8.25 Hurricane Henry, 8.55 Bananas.

6.55 MILLER INSURANCE GROUP HANDICAP (£8,501; 1m 6f) (14)
6 2000-00 OFF OF COMEY (L) Luzzari C Unger 4-8-2

6.25 BRIGADIER GERARD STAKES (Group III; £18,405; 1m 2f) (7)
1 020-110 SUPREME LEADER (C) (DP) (C)at M Linnay C Ertan 4-8-1

UTTOXETER

Going: good to firm

- 2.15 STRAMSHALL NOVICES' HURDLE (E1,021; 2m 4f) (16 runners)
8 0218 DEW IPOF R Horder 5-11-2 N Coleman

Uttoxeter selections
By Mandarin
2.15 Telemeter Gem, 2.45 Lean Ort, 3.15 Lollipopman, 3.45 Woodlands Jester, 4.15 Poker Classic, 4.45 Voyant, 5.15 Dancer in Paris.

2.45 MAJORITY NOVICES' CHASE (E1,452; 3m 2f) (14)
9 0488 CELTIC HARBOR P Cowell 7-11-0 A Gormen

3.15 KEN BOULTON HANDICAP CHASE (E1,861; 2m 4f) (9)
10 0218 DEW IPOF R Horder 5-11-2 N Coleman

3.45 WOODLANDS COURT MAGICIAN HANDICAP (E1,118; 3m) (12)
1 4444 VOYANT (C) D L Williams 7-12-1 R Crowl

3.45 RAISFORD HANDICAP HURDLE (E1,118; 3m) (12)
1 4444 VOYANT (C) D L Williams 7-12-1 R Crowl

REDCAR

Going: good to firm

- 2.15 PETER HIGGINS SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O; £292; 1m)(10 runners)
1 400 TACE THE BISCUT R Stables 9-7 J H Brown (B) 3

2.15 LARCHES SURPRISE, 2.45 Muhibi, 3.15 Philip, 3.45 Cadmusium, 4.15 Bishah, 4.45 Snakes River.

LEICESTER

Going: good

- 2.0 E B F WOODHOUSE EAVES MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O; C & G; £1,784; 5f) (14 runners)
1 000 BADGOLLO RISA L Peggitt 9-0 W R Stables 4

2.30 TOTE EACH WAY SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O; £734; 5f) (14)

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ARAB RACING

Newcomers in command at Goodwood

By Christopher Golding
Newcomers upstaged the seasoned campaigners at Goodwood, where the second Arab horse race meeting of the season took place on Saturday.

Woodlands Court Magician had a troubled journey to the track, and in doing so handed a substantial gamble, having been backed from 12-1 to 2-1.

NATIONAL STAKES (2-y-o; £5,128; 5f) (5)

- 1 1818 RISK ME (P) (C) N Jones P Kelleway 9-0 R Stables 2

ESHER PLACE HANDICAP (3-y-o; £3,185; 1m 3f 100yd) (12)

- 1 0-0 HURRICANE HENRY (E St George) M Stiles 9-7 W R Stables 11

WHEATSHEAF MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o; £4,046; 1m 2f) (23)

- 1 2 BANANAS (A) (S) J Schaffer D Donohoe 9-0 W Hills 16

FEILDEN NOVICES' HUNTERS' CHASE (Div I; amateurs; £592; 2m 4f) (12)

- 3 000-0 BARBARI F O'Connell 10-12-0 Q Hemmer (J)

FEILDEN NOVICES' HUNTERS' CHASE (Div II; amateurs; £296; 2m 4f) (11)

- 4 000-0 ANNALYST R H Phillips 9-12-0 S Boscawen (J)

Game Longboat enhances his Gold Cup claim

By Michael Seely

Longboat, a fast finishing runner-up to Gildoran in last year's Ascot Gold Cup, stamped himself as the likely winner of the highlight of the Royal Meeting with a show display of stamina in the Henry II Stakes at Sandown yesterday.

Forcibly ridden by Willie Carson, Dick Hollingsworth's five-year-old bay Seismic Wave by 2½ lengths with Eastern Mystic three-quarters of a length away third.

Dick Hern, the winning trainer, watched the race on television at West Isley. "I was delighted with that," he said afterwards. "Longboat just sticks his neck out and keeps running."

Discussing his Epsom plans, the Royal trainer continued, "Sharrod runs in the Derby and Petoletti goes for the Coronation Cup. Seismic Wave and Longboat are likely to be my only runners in the Oaks."

Also, Bishah is fancied at Headquaters to beat Mount Olympus in the Malcolm Winters Maiden Stakes.

Finally, Telemeter Gem, who did this column a good turn last Thursday when she won at Perth, can score again in the Stramshall Novices Hurdle at Uttoxeter.

King's Stand Stakes," said Pat Eddy, the winning jockey. "I can't see anything to beat him the way he did that."

The most extraordinary performance in the five-furlong dash was put up by Grevy Desira, who finished like a rocket to take second place after being taken all with only two furlongs left.

Charles Nelson, delighted to have given Robert Sangster yet another birthday present after the celebrations on the Isle of Man over the weekend, commented, "Double Schwartz has really come to himself this season. He's always been a year behind himself. He has strengthened and thickened out beyond all belief, so I can give him twice as much weight as the Lambourn trainer considers."



Table of racing results and statistics. Columns include race names, runner numbers, names, and finishing positions. Includes sections for Sandown Park, Redcar, Leicester, and Today's course specialists.

FOOTBALL: BINGHAM GETS MAXIMUM EFFORT FROM THE MINIMUM OF RESOURCES

Simplicity is the key to Irish success

From David Miller, Albuquerque

With less than a week to go to the big kick-off, many of the 24 finalists in the World Cup have indicated themselves to believe that everything is going right for them.

Northern Ireland, a footballing nation with a relatively tiny one million population, now about to play in their third finals, are as realistic as they were all those years ago in the halcyon days of Sweden in 1958.

conceded only one goal during 1985. Bingham extracts the maximum, by their efficiency and his strategy. From a relatively modest squad. "Fitness-wise I have no problems," he said yesterday, adding with a laugh, "but that is not to say I may not have football problems."

In the first week, they regularly jogged 3,000 metres for aerobic work. The next week, they underwent the "Cooper Test" — 3,000 metres in 12 minutes at 7,000 feet (which is 2,500 feet higher than Guadalupe). Only the reserve goalkeepers, Platt and Hughes, did not manage it.

experienced, and still most able goalkeepers on earth, the placid Jennings is unexpectedly sensitive and in need of constant reassurance. His evergreen brilliance, against Romania in Bucharest and England

Germans sweat it out

Morelia, (AP) — West Germany managed only a 2-1 victory over Atletico Morelia, a Mexican club side, in a practice match on Sunday.

Franz Beckenbauer, the West German manager, used 17 players from his 22-man squad in a match he described as important for his team to "work up a sweat and adapt to the Latin-American style of play".

At Wembley, helped bring his colleagues here. They happily accept his frailties, even Jim Platt who has lived as reserve so long in the shadow of those two huge hands.

the brink: eight against eight on a full-sized pitch. I know we're in shape."

Bingham hopes this assessment includes Hamilton, who memorably made the goal for Armstrong which beat the hosts in 1982.

Bingham has eased him through the training of alternate days, and Hughes has managed the runs. More to the point, Hamilton was regularly outpacing McLeish, the Scotland centre back, on the far post in the practice match, and will give Ireland's limited attack an extra dimension.

It is a cliché of the World Cup to say that, for every team, the opening match is vital. Yet certainly this is true for Group D, in which Brazil, disorganized and depleted, play Spain on Sunday. Were the Europe runners-up to win, Ireland would know that the group was wide open when they play Algeria two days later; for Spain have failed to beat

the Irish in their last three meetings. Bingham recently watched Algeria, the exciting newcomers of 1982, lose by two goals to Switzerland, their goalkeeper unhappy on crosses. Bingham thought, as he came away, that he knew what his team would be. From a squad who, helpfully in one way, alter very little over the year because of restricted choice, Bingham makes changes not only tactically, but to stop complacency. He likes to think this policy works on both counts, that it does not produce insecurity.

Versatility is valuable. Of four full-backs — Nicholl, Donaghy, Worthington and Ramsay — Donaghy can play either flank or centre back, as he does for Luton, and Worthington can play midfield, as he does for Sheffield Wednesday.

At centre back it is two from three, with O'Neill and McDonald, the big youngster from Queen's Park Rangers, having the edge at present over McClelland, the stalwart from 1982. Bingham's cunning lies in his fluctuating use of wingers — Penny, Stewart and Armstrong — and midfield men like Whiteside, whom he can use deep or up front. If Hamilton plays forward instead of Clark alongside Whiteside, there could be a place for Campbell, the young, inexperienced but immensely fit midfield player from Nottingham Forest. The Irish story will be worth following.

RUGBY UNION

Odds too heavily stacked against New Zealanders

From Paul Martin, Johannesburg

The strain of touring South Africa is sapping the strength and even the morale of the New Zealanders, as their unauthorized visit enters its last climactic week.

A tour schedule of unprecedented severity, coupled with continuing worries over security and the at times hometown-slanted allocation of practice facilities, have continued to sicken the visitors. It must be conceded, however, that the Springboks, especially in the back line, have been the superior side thus far.

The dark shadow over the tour has been the escalating violence in the black townships, from which the players have been cocooned, and the anger of radical black groups opposing the tour, may penetrate through to the team.

Visitors haunted by bomb threat

So far, thankfully, nothing has gone wrong. Security men sleep in the hotels and patrol the lobbies, but the greatest nightmare is of a bomb exploding at the grounds. Andy Dalton, the tour captain, says these concerns have haunted the team, though he is pleased that "no chances are being taken" by the vigilant South African police.

So concerned of security were the authorities at Loftus Versveld, Pretoria, last week that the ground was sealed off on Thursday as the 68,000-seater stadium was minutely searched by a police anti-terrorist squad using sniffer dogs.

Just before the third big match on Saturday, police nervousness rose. The car carrying South Africa's rugby chairman, Dr Danie Craven, had pulled up outside the main grandstand entrance, having already entered the main gate, when policemen surrounded it. A sniffer dog jumped on the roof and then crawled under the vehicle. As an official frantically tried to find proof of his identity, Dr Craven was confined to his car, mystified.

A Northern Transvaal official later apologized, but proceeded to tell Dr Craven of an even greater concern: whether part of the newly-built, 198,000-seater stadium would collapse under the weight of the biggest-ever crowd.

It is not clear if there had indeed been a bomb threat, though one officer, who forbade me entry to the ground because I had a bag with tape recorders, said he had received a warning that day.

Dalton, oblivious of these goings-on, revealed that as part of the touring deal, a sizeable premium for the security risks had been added to the tour insurance covering each player.

Of more immediate concern to the touring squad has been the rigours of the tour schedule. In contrast to the generous arrangements for the England tour here in 1984, the programme has been crisscrossed with tough matches, midweek and Saturdays, culminating with four main matches on consecutive Saturdays. The New Zealanders had been caught unawares by the strength of the midweek opposition. Dalton

understands the rationale to make as big a profit as possible. The Springboks and the New Zealanders are each battling ferociously for what they believe to be their own future international survival. Tension between them reached near-breaking point last Friday when the New Zealanders arrived at Loftus Versveld, and found that the ground was occupied by men in green and gold. "Something of a confrontation ensued," Dalton recalled, "and we nearly had the game a day early." The New Zealanders withdrew graciously, and the "keenness of all and sundry to offer copious hospitality added to the tour pressure," said Dalton — as when last Thursday's mayoral cocktail party turned out to be a full-on barbeque losing the team four precious hours of pre-match preparation.

Dalton's less weighty complaint is that the physical demands have been so heavy that there has been little time for levity — to the extent that the coach, Colin Meads, advised the team to "drink more beer", an exhortation that, as Dalton drolly notes, must be a tragedy for the players, each a victim of restraint could have been levelled at the 1984 England side.

Meads has, however, expressed regret that the managers' suggestions of the seven players from opposing teams in his day no longer exists. He notes that players prefer to rush away from after-match receptions, arms around a girl rather than arouse the night's way with their opponents.

The tough tour schedule leads inevitably to injuries — but two of them have been caused by foul play. Dalton's broken jaw is no longer protesting, but his cap and his playing days are numbered. And on Saturday a late, high tackle concussed the scrum half, Dave Loveridge, who had hoped to end his playing days next Saturday but did so a week early.

Rough handling for Craven

Not surprisingly, Dalton is arguing that officials and players internationally must "set an example" against dirty play. The perpetrator of Dalton's injury, Burger Geldenhuys, was excluded from all four main games as Dr Craven's instigator. This has led to a bitter feud that has also split the national selectors: Dr Craven is now vilified in Geldenhuys's province, Northern Transvaal.

Geldenhuys embarrased the Springboks by refusing to watch their practice; then at the after-match speeches on Saturday, Northern Transvaal's rugby president, Professor Fritz Eloff, pointedly told Geldenhuys he would "always be welcome here if not at our club, but with his efforts to avoid confrontation with the international rugby board over rebel tours, Dr Craven appears to be out of kilter with the more strident "devil-may-care" attitudes of South African rugby's hardliners.

FOR THE RECORD

Table containing various sports records: ATHLETICS, GOLF, BASEBALL, TENNIS, BASKETBALL, CRICKET. Lists names, scores, and event details.



Bobby Robson has something to smile about as he arrives in Monterrey: Gary Lineker should be fit for England's campaign

Portugal's World Cup participation of top players in jeopardy

Mexico City (Reuter-AP) — Portugal's World Cup team refused to play a practice match at Monterrey on Sunday because of a pay dispute with their own football authorities. It is at Monterrey that Portugal open their World Cup Group F programme against England on June 3.

The match in question was against Leon University's Tigres team. Senhor Dasar Grasio, secretary-general of the Portuguese Football Federation, said the team declined to face Tigres as part of their campaign for improved bonuses and appearance money.

He did not specify the sums involved, but said the players felt they were not getting a fair deal in view of the current economic situation in Portugal. The federation, he said, was negotiating with the players as it has no wish to jeopardize Portugal's prospects in the World Cup finals.

Another warm-up match in Monterrey on Thursday is still on schedule along with regular, daily training sessions. In addition to the money dispute, another problem for the Portuguese team was an injury troubling their midfielder, Carlos Manuel, who has been unable to practice recently. The coach, he will be training soon but there are doubts whether he will be risked against England.

which the Germans won 2-1. Like Rummennigge, Paolo Rossi, of Italy, had his league season disrupted by injury but it is poor form and his slow rate of acclimatization to Mexican conditions that could keep the 29-year-old out of the world champions' team.

Daniel Passarella, the Argentinean who claimed a World Cup winner's medal in 1978, is beset by problems of a different ilk which will probably keep him out of the game with South Korea on Monday. The former Argentinean captain has fallen foul of a tourist's complaint, the stomach ailment nicknamed Montezuma's Revenge, which has caused him to lose around three kilograms in weight and miss five days' training.

EUROPEAN LEAGUE RESULTS

Table listing results of various European football leagues: EAST GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, SPAIN, SOVIET UNION, GERMANY WEST, FRANCE, ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, SWITZERLAND, BELGIUM, DENMARK, POLAND, NORWAY, FINLAND, ICELAND, IRELAND, NORTHERN IRELAND, SOUTH AFRICA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, OCEANIA, ASIA, PACIFIC, AMERICA, CANADA, CARIBBEAN, AUSTRALASIA.

Lack of oxygen may put Danes out of running

Zbigniew Boniek, having publicly disparaged Juventus for getting rid of him last year, having spoken sceptically of the England team he will be playing against in Monterrey, has no doubt on the potential of Denmark.

The Roma forward, who played against the Danes recently in Copenhagen, does not think they will do well in Mexico. "Denmark bank on a very athletic style, with lots of running, with long through balls to Elkjaer and Laudrup, and we'll have to see whether they can exploit these methods at altitude, which they'll have enough oxygen to run as they usually do."

Michael Laudrup, the young Danish attacker who took Boniek's place at Juventus and will be lining up next week in the opening match against Scotland, has no doubts. "We and the Germans will get through; just two of us, because the group is so well balanced that the third placed team won't get any advantage out of goal difference."



Lyon as substitute to score that elegant third goal, Igor Belanov, aged 25, has also been showing splendid form in attack. Evushenko, 28, is hardly new to the international game. He was in the Soviet Union's 1980 European Nations Cup squad, and happily remembers the victory of Russia's Olympic team in Rio that year, over Brazil. He, like Belanov, plays basketball, jumps correspondingly well, has two good feet and is technically adroit. A useful reinforcement.

The Italians are still trying to make friends with the Mexicans after their disastrous beginning at Mexico City airport. Shades of 1970 when Sir Alf Ramsey, with the best of intentions, fell foul of the Mexican Press, with dire consequences.

Holdings net four

Italy, the World Cup holders, beat Guatemala 4-0 in a warm-up match in Mexico City on Sunday. Alberto Galderisi once Italy's first goal, the only one of the first half, was apparently a mistake by Rodolfo Fregoso, the Mexican referee. From a free kick by Bruno Conti, Di Gennaro gave a bonanza shot into the Guatemalan goal area, where Altobelli, more than a metre behind all the other players in an off-side position, headed the ball into the net amid heated protests.

England might be interested to hear that Laudrup was especially impressed by the Polish left winger, Smolarek, who has been somewhat off colour this season, less taken with the performance of the Danish young centre forward, Dziekanowski, who, in Laudrup's view, "is good but turns back on himself too often, and isn't positive enough."

Klim Berggren, the Danish midfielder whom the admiring Polish counter-attacking player, "Boniek" thinks Hungary are going to spring the main surprise, but that the Brazilians are too old.

But the Soviet Union, now that they have boldly dismissed Malafiev and made Dynamo Kiev's Lobanovski their team manager, could surprise people, too. Lobanovski, riding the luck and fine form of his own club, has not hesitated to stack the 22 Russians with his own players. Among them are four who only a few months ago were in the part of the 25-man training squad, all four taking part with distinction in the Nehru Cup in Trivandrum.

Andrej Bal and Vasil Rats play their last World Cup success in the European Cup Winners' Cup, in midfield. Vadim Evushenko was the man who came on in the final in

Of sahibs and maidans, and monsoon drains

The cricket season is here again, praise the Lord. For me the season has been characterised by the sound of new cricket books crashing onto the doormat. On the theory that you can never go wrong with a cricket book, the publishers have brought out yet another lorry-load.

My postman is cursing, but I am not; not after reading *A Maiden View: The Magic of Indian Cricket*, by Mihir Bose. One of the cricket classics is *Beyond a Boundary* by C.L.R. James: a book about West Indian cricket that manages to be personal, historical, social, political, analytical and is impressive. Bose has managed to pull off something of the same trick.

He writes about pricefalls and sahibs and about how he went to school with Gavaskar. He writes about pick-up games on the street, sporadically grassed open spaces in Indian cities (the maidan of the title); of overleaping monsoon drains while fielding; of the search for power and influence through cricket, and how he played

former Australian cricket captain, Greg Chappell, by Adrian McGregor. At one stage, McGregor discusses an incident when Chappell was caught speeded on 52, but didn't make out and went on to take 50. "Instinctively, neither umpire was watching. To Greg it was irrelevant whether Speeded caught it or not. All his life his policy could not have been clearer than he admitted. Had he been caught, he would have played the umpire's ruling. They gave him the benefit of their ignorance."

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SPORTS BOOKS

Simon Barnes

SPORT

England rally but India take the series

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

Set a target of 255 by India, England soon lost the wickets of Gooch and Fowler in the second of the Texaco Trophy matches at Old Trafford yesterday. But they made a proper challenge after that, led by Gower. There was never any question, though, of their having anything to spare. It was a grand day's cricket - spirited, friendly, entertaining and good value for anyone's money. Twenty-five overs from the end, the match was still as wide open as when it began. Gower and Lamb were going well enough, and England still had eight wickets left. Against that, it was not an easy pitch on which to force the pace, and India's bowlers have learned to give little away in these one-day games. Then Lamb was run-out by the purest mischance and Gower was bowled, hooking at a ball that kept low. Before long Gattling and Pringle were needing to score at seven an over for England to level the series, and at some quite impossible rate to win the Texaco Trophy, decided on the overall scoring rate if each side has a victory to its credit. Another time it might be more satisfactory to stage a three-match series.

There were many lovely strokes, a regular cascade of them during a sixth-wicket partnership of 104 between Shastri and Kapil Dev. I am not sure whose innings I enjoyed most - Srikkanth's, Shastri's or Kapil Dev's. Srikkanth's, played while the ball was new, was of the highest class. Kapil's marvellously uninhibited and

had a more difficult time behind the wicket: the life he gave Srikkanth off Emburey made no difference, Srikkanth being out in the same over, but Kapil was only 23 when he should have been stumped, also off Emburey.

By lunch India were 130 for five from 36 overs. When, first ball afterwards, Patil was bowled by Dilley, they were in danger of making decidedly too few. The pitch had already lost its tinge of green and the sun was shining by now on a fine crowd. But Kapil struck a balance between daring and discretion, and Shastri is as good a one-day all-rounder as there is. With pretty nearly the full ground in use, and the outfield not especially fast, there was a lot of running to be done.

When Gooch was given out in the seventh over of England's innings, I am not sure that even he knew how. The scorers entered it as caught at the wicket. At tea umpire Constant said he had adjudged Gooch leg before. The ball must just have flicked the pad. Three overs later Binny, following through, stuck out his right hand and took a reflex return catch to get rid of Fowler.

At 27 for two England faced another collapse. But Lamb, happier not to have to starve against the slow bowlers, and Gower set about playing themselves in. As much as anything this meant getting used to the low bounce of the ball. It took time, but the captain and Lamb added 115 together in 24 overs, and when Lamb was run out in the unlikeliest of ways England had victory in their sights. A firm return drive by Gower was deflected off Sharmar's foot into the bowlers' stumps with Lamb out of his ground. India needed that.

Scoreboard

Table with 2 columns: Player, Score. Includes India and England players like Srikkanth, Kapil Dev, Gooch, Fowler, Gower, Lamb, Binny, Shastri, Dilley, Emburey, Patil, Pringle, Gattling, and Pringle.

India played the same side as at the Oval last Saturday. For England, Edmonds came in for Taylor. This time Gower won the toss and chose to field. Morning showers had given way to broken cloud as Dilley began the match with a maiden. Playing as though the second over of the match was the last, Gavaskar drove his first ball for four and was caught at second slip off his sixth. Srikkanth and Azharuddin, batting more judiciously, then laid the foundation of a good total and set the tenor of the day. All the Indians that came later also played their part.

Shastri's as well-judged as either. To add to the enjoyment, England fielded better than for a long time. Gower showed the way with a splendid save in the covers. Next ball Edmonds followed suit. By lunch the whole side had grass stains on their flannels from where they had been throwing themselves around. There was a brilliant catch by Gower, right-handed above his head at mid-wicket, to account for Azharuddin, and a nice one by Fowler just in from the mid-wicket boundary. Downton

YACHTING

Vancouver place for Brooks

By Barry Pickthall

The Laser sailor, Christine Brooks, confirmed her place in the IYRU women's world championships in Vancouver later this year by winning the women's UK championships held at Hayling Island over the weekend with a clean sweep of victories. Miss Brooks, who hails from Maldon Sailing Club, dominated this 23-strong single-handed class to such an extent she was able to catch an early train home leaving Nichola Ponsford and Sarah Pipes to fight over second place in the final heat yesterday afternoon.

Competition for the women's two-handed class sailed in 470s proved more intense with Kay Hedgecock and Ruth Russhall just pipping the sisters, Debbie and Tracey Jordan, for the title. Both crews earned places at the forthcoming 470 world championship in Spain, though university studies may force their place in favour of Diana Shellock and Sarah Robertson from Oban, who finished third. In the UK Olympic indicator trials for places at Keil Olympic Week and the Euro-

pean championships also held at Hayling Island Sailing Club this weekend, the Laser world champion, Lawrence Crispin, dominated the Finn single-handed class while Ian Gray and Malcolm Bishop took the Tornado catamaran class. The 470 class saw Adrian Stead and Andy Hemming from Parkstone seal the thunder from David Smith, White and his crew, John Brooks, while Will Henderson finished top among the three-strong Soling fleet. Richard Westwood took the Flying Dutchman honours. Results, page 38



Wrong-footed: Vengsarkar is bowled by Emburey at Old Trafford yesterday. (Photograph: Chris Harris)

BOXING

Hodkinson likely to lose Games place

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Paul Hodkinson, the exciting young featherweight ABA champion, is almost certain to be excluded from the Commonwealth Games team when the England selectors meet on Friday to consider why he was absent from the first training camp from May 21 to 25.

Hodkinson, who is reported to be joining Barry McGuigan at the world champion's training headquarters in Palm Springs, California, will also miss the next two camps at Blackpool and Crystal Palace. His club, Kirkby, have informed the ABA that he is going on holiday with his aunt to the United States and will not be returning until June 24, the day after McGuigan's World Boxing Association featherweight title defence against Fernando Sosa, of Argentina, in Las Vegas.

Any training Hodkinson might do with McGuigan would not be considered of any value for the purposes of the Games. England's training camps are specially geared to the "speed event" of the amateur, not the endurance of the professional. England's selectors are unlikely to take kindly to Hodkinson going off to work with McGuigan without their permission. If Hodkinson is ruled out it is almost certain that he will join the professional ranks with B.J. Eastwood, McGuigan's manager.

ATHLETICS

Elliott shows a sharper edge

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Peter Elliott's first important British race since he had to drop out of the Olympic 800 metres semi-final with a stress fracture proved that he has lost little of his hour competitive ability when he won in 1min 46.66sec yesterday. But Elliott had to overcome David Sharpe, a young man with as much promise as Elliott showed three years ago, to win the United Kingdom championship, sponsored by HFC Trust, at Cwmbran.

Sharpe surprised everyone, including Elliott, who had been used to the young man's waiting tactics when he dashed ahead into the very strong wind, and led until 100 metres to go, when Elliott swept past. The 1,500 metres was a similar story with Rob Harrison, the more experienced runner, eventually beating John Gladwin, another young man, like Sharpe, who is destined to make his mark soon on British and international athletics. After Neil Horsefield had set a fast early pace, Gladwin took Harrison well away from the rest of the pursuers, until Harrison too swept past in the final straight to win in a fast 3min 35.75sec. Phil Brown was within 0.03sec of his personal best with a 400 metres victory in 45.29sec, the fastest in Europe so far this year. But the strong headwinds in the straight, around 2.5 metres per second, prevented the race living up to the expectations of Saturday's heat.

But the promise is still there of improvement in times for the seven men last season who were under 46sec. Roger

CYCLING

A furious finish to opening stage

By John Wilcockson

The former British professional road race champion, Steve Joughin, of the Moducel team, proved the fastest in a massive sprint finish to win the first stage of the 29th Milk Race on Blackpool's South Promenade yesterday. And the 30-second time bonus for winning enabled the Marx rider, aged 26, to take over the race leadership from Igor Sumnikov, the 19-year-old Soviet who won the Prologue time trial at Birmingham on Sunday.

Joughin complimented his team for helping him to work his way to the front in a fast and furious conclusion to the 128-mile race - the longest stage of the Milk Race for 19 years. Many hopes had been placed on Malcolm Elliott of the ANC-Halfords team, the record-holder of Milk Race stage victories. But less than three miles from the finish, racing through Lytham St Anne's at well over the town's speed limit, the Sheffield rider was forced to stop. The experienced Raleigh professional, Paul Sherwen, said: "It was very hairy with the cars parked along the side of the road. We were clipping their wing-mirrors."

The battle between the sprinters was fierce, and Elliott was warned for dangerous riding after he clashed wheels with one of Sherwen's teammates, Steve Fleetwood. "I must have had almost 28 spokes ripped out of my 28-spoke front wheel," commented Elliott, who was given another wheel by a team colleague which enabled him to re-integrate the bunch entering the final kilometre. But too late to contest the sprint, which Joughin won decisively from the Australian, Shane Sutton, of the Falcon team, and the Frenchman, Philippe Casado, of Peugeot.

While the professional teams were happy to amble along in the sunshine for most of the day, the Danish amateur, Jan Joergensen, ploughed a lone furrow between the green fields of Shropshire, Cheshire and Lancashire. He attacked only 12 miles after leaving Birmingham, and remained at the head of the race for the next 88 miles. He gained a maximum of eight minutes at Knutsford, which was more than enough to earn him a 20-second time bonus as the day's Hot Spot sprint.

FIRST STAGE (Birmingham to Blackpool, 128.6 miles): 1. S Joughin (Moducel), 5hr 21min 26sec; 2. S Sutton (Falcon); 3. P Casado (Fra. Peugeot); 4. J Ferry (Cz); 5. J McLoughlin (ANC-Halfords); 6. J Lesniewski (Pol); 7. P Verduyn (Bel. Fango); 8. B Nickson (Falcon); 9. J Travincok (Cz); 10. M Jonak (Cz), all same time; Overall: 1. Joughin, 5hr 23min 06sec; 2. Sutton, 5:23:18; 3. J Joergensen (Den), 5:23:20; 4. I Sumnikov (USSR), 5:23:31; 5. M Elliott (ANC-Halfords), 5:23:32; 6. McLoughlin, 5:23:32; Tomorrow: Lancaster to Newton Aycliffe (109 miles).

SPORT IN BRIEF

Sutton 17 under par

Hal Sutton, of the United States, hit a final round of 68 to score a record-breaking, four-stroke victory in the Jack Nicklaus Memorial Tournament at Dublin, Ohio. His 271 total was 17 under par, and nine shots better than the old record jointly held by Nicklaus, Andy Bean and David Graham. It earned him \$100,000 (£64,500) from a total purse of approximately \$577,000.

Nicklaus, hosting the event in his home town, excited the gallery with a burst of six consecutive birdies on the 10th to the 15th holes, a record for the course and matching the best of the season on the PGA tour. But Don Pooley finished second with 375 and Johnny Miller and Mark O'Meara third on 376. John Mahaffey tied with Nicklaus at 277. Results, page 30.

Level best

The high jumper, Stefka Kostadinova, of Bulgaria, cleared 2.07 metres in Sofia, equalling the world record held by her countrywoman, Ludmila Andonova.

Budd's hope

Zola Budd celebrated her 20th birthday sitting in the sunshine watching the UK Athletics Championships at Cwmbran and in a television interview said she still hopes to run the 1,500 metres at the Commonwealth Games. Controversy still surrounds her eligibility because she has spent less than six months in England in the past year. She only returned to Britain from a training spell in South Africa on Friday.

Roche second

Erik Pedersen, of Norway, pulled away from Stephen Roche, of Ireland, to win the 155-mile fifteenth stage of the Giro d'Italia cycle race ending at Erba in the hills of Piedmont after racing from the ski resort of Saaze d'Oulx. Giuseppe Saronni, of Italy, retained the pink jersey as overall leader in the 22-stage event.

Danish blue

Derbyshire have awarded a county cap to Ole Mortensen, their 28-year-old Danish seam bowler. He was invited by Derbyshire for a trial three years ago.



Sutton: Nine shots better than Nicklaus record

Club's fight

Middlesbrough are to fight in the courts the Football League's threat to expel them if they go into liquidation and form a new company as previous clubs have done. They say a survival scheme should be accepted by the League if it is accepted by the court and creditors. "We face huge debts but owe less than £50,000 to football clubs," said Steve Gibson, a director. "There are 20 clubs on the brink. The League will be decimated if they adopt a new tough policy."

Aurelius theory is put to the test

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Paris

The French championships are tough. One of the first things a young man has to learn about them (and the young women are not much better off) is that it is possible to sweat and strain on brick-coloured shale in temperatures exceeding 100F for more than four hours and still have only a 50 per cent chance of winning. Mentally and physically drained, the unlucky 50 per cent have little consolation other than the fact that centuries ago by Marcus Aurelius: "One can survive anything except death."

This arduous lesson in philosophy was driven home yesterday in one of the first series of matches to populate the 16 courts. Leonardo Lavalle of Mexico, aged 18, was beaten 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-7, 9-7 in four hours and a quarter by Simon Youl of Tasmania, aged 28. They played on court eight, where the only relief from the heat was the shade cast over one corner of the run-back by a massive horse-chestnut. Youl served for the match at 5-4, in the fourth set, Lavalle served for it at 6-5 in the fifth, and both seemed to age visibly as hope and frustration receded in turn.

Nystrom has gone off the boil

All this was vicariously savoured, with evident relish, by such spectators as Brian Gottfried, Tom Gorman, Bob Howe and Dick Stockton, who used to endure the same awful reminders that Ragout de Mouton or Pot-au-Feu, make good eating but take a long time to cook. There were a lot of handshakes and memories around the courts yesterday. Bob Carmichael, Pierre Darmon, Owen Davidson, Billy Knight, Ray Moore, Paul Ramirez and Fred Stolle were among the host of old heroes remembering their youth and - in the presence of Lavalle and Youl - perhaps being grateful for its passing.

The draw suggests that this year's singles semi-final will be Ivan Lendl v Yannick Noah, Boris Becker v Mats Wilander, Martina Navratilova v Chanda Rubin-Kilsch, and Steffi Graf v Chris Lloyd. Lendl and Noah look to have easier draws than Becker and Wilander. Of the other obvious challengers, Joakim Nystrom has temporarily gone off the boil after playing too much and winning too often, whereas Henri Leconte is bursting with élan after a four-month break, enforced by illness. Stefan Edberg is one of several hazards confronting Becker.

An interesting feature of the women's draw is that Miss Graf has just won four tournaments in a row and, in the process, has beaten all the other fancied contenders. She is still three weeks short of her seventeenth birthday but may already be good enough to become the youngest champion here.

Yesterday Mrs Lloyd, wearing a skirt that might be described as the colour of the fascia (put the pun down to the heat), had a 6-0, 6-1 win against the French junior champion, Cécile Cailliet, who briefly had an illusion of glory when the scoreboard gave her the second set at 6-2. In the intimate arena of Court One, Carling Bassett explored the attractive possibilities of lime-green and, more to the point, played the important rallies more boldly and more tidily than Catherine Tauver. On Court 14, which is almost outside the premises, Frederica Bonsignori of Rome had an astonishing 6-0, 6-0 win over Amanda Tobin Dingwall of New South Wales, who scored only 10 points.

Slav heavyweight falls in three

Annabel Croft lost only six games to Helena Dahlstrom of Sweden, almost two years her junior. Britain's only competitors in the men's singles, John Lloyd and Jeremy Bates, were beaten by qualifiers: respectively, Lewis Mattar (Brazil) and Marco Ostoja (Yugoslavia). Bates made a tenacious recovery from two sets down to take Ostoja to five. Ostoja's heavyweight compatriot, Slobodan Zivojinovic, played three strenuous sets with Eric Jelen but lost all of them. Jelen, aged 21, may be Germany's best chance of an adequate second string to Becker. Jelen is left, smart and, in some ways, even more talented than Becker. He was too good for the mighty Zivojinovic, who could double for Sylvester Stallone in the role of "Rocky". The Germans to watch here, though, may be Miss Graf and Becker, the teenagers from Baden: a region formerly better known for its white wine. More tennis, page 38.

Advertisement for Teacher's Scotch Whisky. Features a bottle of whisky, a glass, and a circular logo with the text 'EST. 1830' and 'TEACHER'S A WELCOME AWAITING'. Below the image is a photograph of a man in a suit standing on a ship's deck.

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